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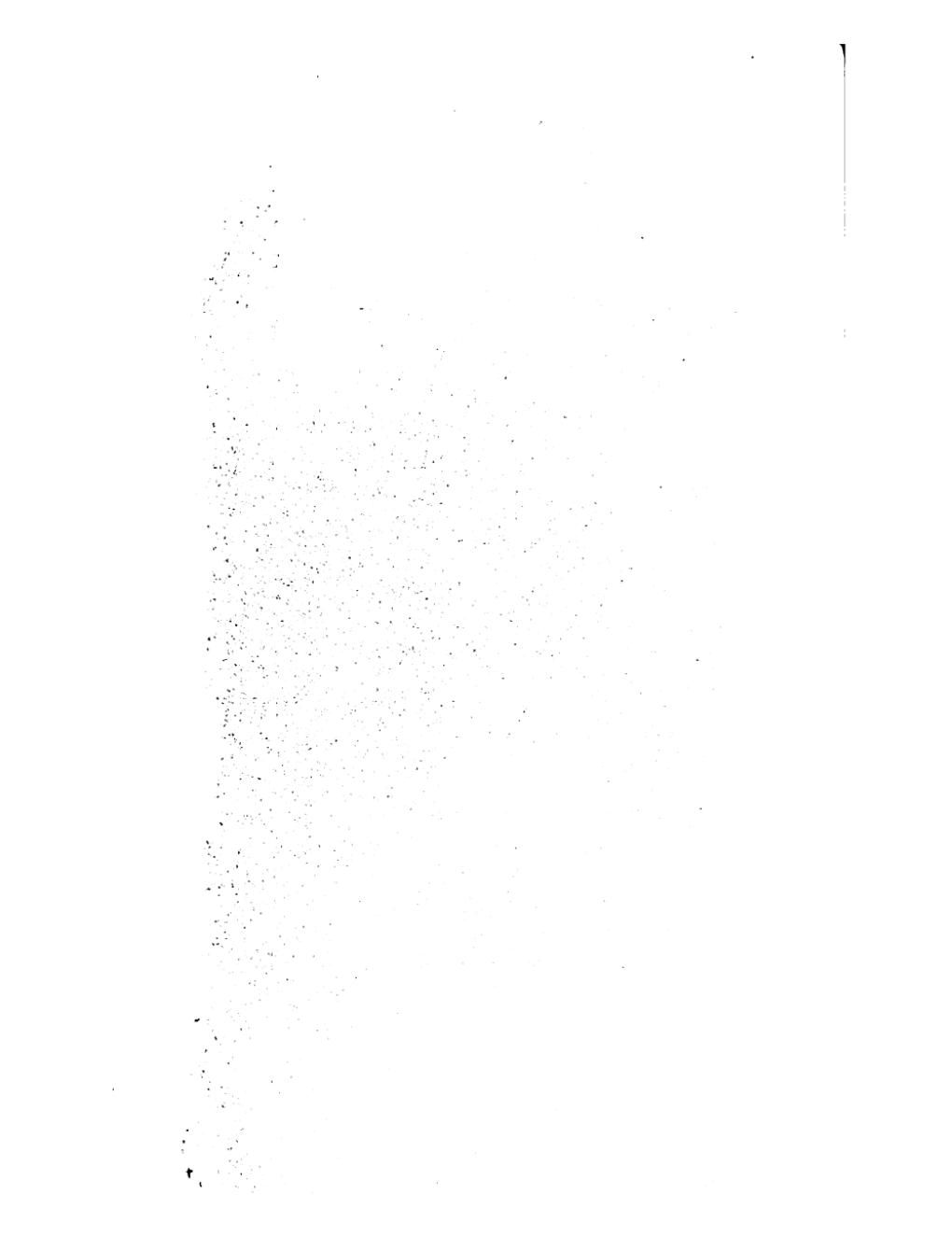






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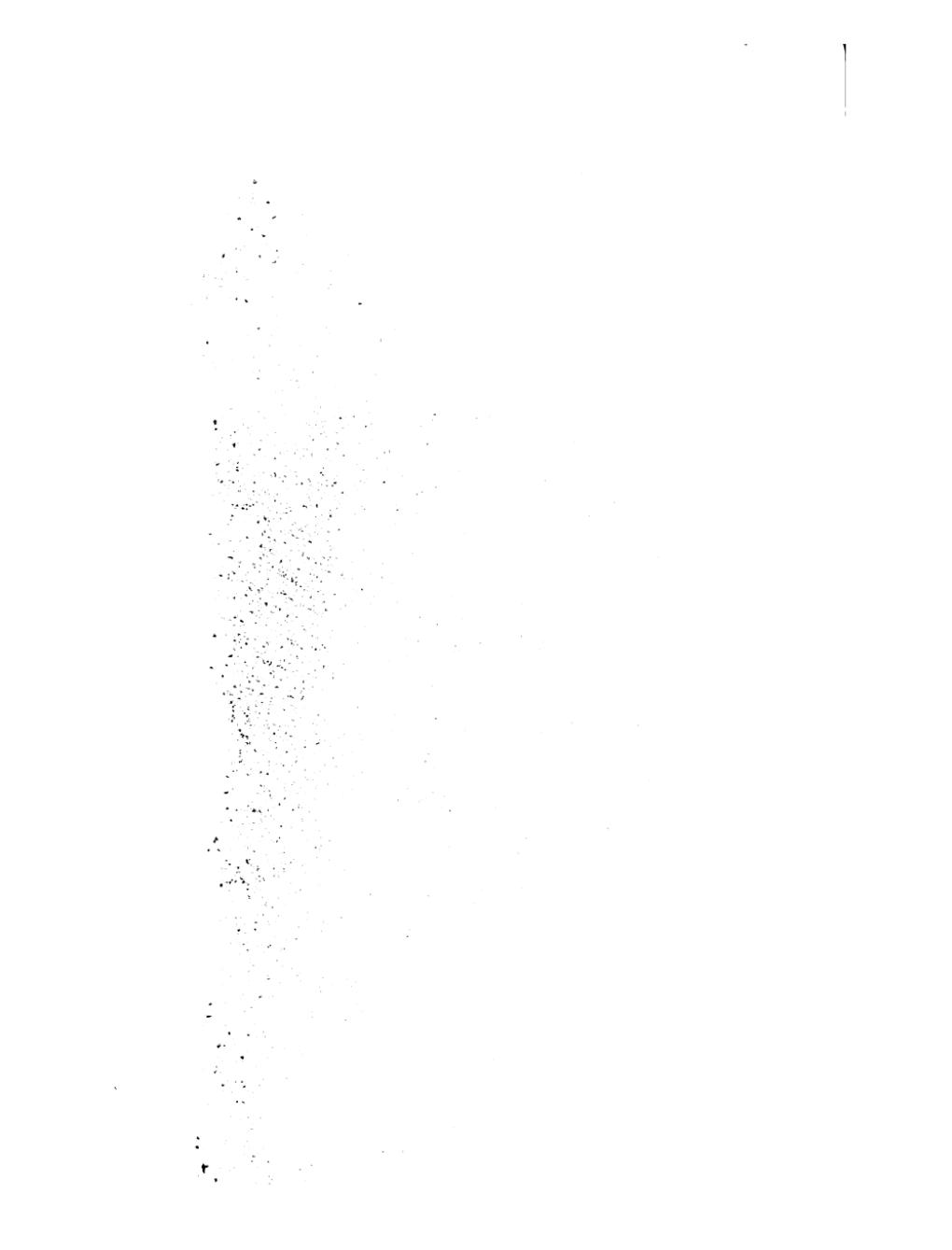






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INTRODUCTION.

TO MY READERS.

There are certain peculiarities in the structure of Hebrew verse which have struck the attention of nearly all who have duly examined the subject. One of the most marked of these is the parallelism of sentiment and expression everywhere abounding as the essential of Jewish versification. Slovenly rendered in prosaic English, these parallelisms have to modern ears a smack of tautology. But it has long struck the author that Jewish poetry was originally and essentially responsive, consisting of the utterance of a sentiment in excited and elevated mood by one party as leader, and responded to impromptu by another party, who echoed the sentiment of the first with varied expression, and sometimes with varied phase, of the initiative thought. Occasionally a third or fourth joined to sustain and amplify the poetic theme. And at certain emphasized intervals all echoed and re-echoed together some spirit-stirring proposition of no small importance in reference to what had been already enunciated or had to follow. The choruses, in fact, constituted the telling epitome, or the thrilling disclosure, or the vital link of the poem as far as it had proceeded. Such, in my humble conception, was the origin of the peculiar form of verse prevalent amongst the Israelitish people. And this conclusion is in part sustained by the customs of Shemitic tribes to this day. The following graphic passage I take from "The Mission of Inquiry to the Jews," (p. 61):— "The young Arabs (say the writers), in order to cheer the way, commenced a native dance and song. One of them advancing a little before the rest, began the song

dancing forward as he repeated the words, when the rest following him in regular order, joined in the chorus, keeping time by a simultaneous clapping of hands. They sang several Arabian songs in this way, responding to one another, and dancing along the firm sand of the sea-shore, in the clear beautiful moonlight. The response, the dance, and the clapping of hands, brought many parts of the Word of God to our minds." Other travellers have noted the same thing. The immutability, or at most slight modification of customs is such in the East, that this scene may be no insignificant index of primeval singing amongst some of the first populations of the world. Of the like kind, in all probability, was the song, chorus, and dance of Miriam and her companions when Jehovah gloriously triumphed at the Red Sea. There is further confirmation of the matter, inasmuch as when analysis of the poetic passages of Scripture is attempted, antiphonal structures and expressions everywhere abound, and impart character to the parallelisms as thought-rhythms. At any rate, without disfigurement or violence antiphonals may be constructed; more, the sense, pathos, and beauty of the whole composition are frequently enhanced by such a disposition of the parts. Take for instance:—

PSALM II. A DIALOGUE OR RESPONSIVE SONG.*

First chorus.

1. Why rage the nations?
And the peoples contrive vanity?
2. The kings of the land have set themselves,
And the princes are firmly leagued together,
Against Jehovah, and against his Messiah.

Chorus, representing the rebellious.

3. Let us burst their bands,
And cast from us their cords.
4. Sitting in the heavens He will laugh;
The Lord will hold them in derision.

Second chorus.

* Dr. Pye Smith's "Testimony to Messiah," vol. 1, p. 195.

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5. Then He will rebuke them in his wrath ;
And in his burning anger He will alarm them.
One speaking in the name of God.
6. But I have anointed my king,
Upon Zion, the mountain of my sanctuary.
One in the name of the Messiah.
7. I will declare the decree :
Jehovah hath said to me,
My Son art Thou ;
I this day have begotten Thee.
8. Ask from me, and I will give the nations, thine inheritance ;
And thy possession the uttermost bounds of the earth.
9. Thou shalt break them with an iron sceptre :
As the vessels of a potter shalt Thou dash them.
Perhaps the two choruses combined.
10. Now, therefore, ye kings, bethink yourselves ;
Be warned ye judges of the earth.
11. Serve Jehovah with reverence,
And rejoice with trembling.
12. Do homage to the Son, lest He be angry,
And ye perish on the road,
When his wrath is even for a moment kindled !
Blessed are all who trust in Him !

OR THE TWENTY-FOURTH PSALM.

First Voice. The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof :
Second Voice. The world, and they that dwell therein.

Chorus. For He hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.

First Voice. Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord ?
Or who shall stand in his holy place ?

Second Voice. He that hath clean hands,
And a pure heart ;
Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
Nor sworn deceitfully ;
He shall receive the blessing from the Lord,
And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Chorus. This is the generation of them that seek Him,
Who seek thy face are Jacob indeed.

First Voice. Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors ;

Second Voice. And the King of glory shall come in.

Chorus. Who is this King of glory ?

Chorus. The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

First Voice. Lift up your heads, O ye gates ;
Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors ;
And the King of glory shall come in.

Second Voice. Who is this King of glory ?

Chorus. The Lord of Hosts,
He is the King of glory.

Now this facility of Hebrew verse to take an antiphonal form with great effectiveness, seems to be a delicate but a positive proof that it was so moulded originally—that the responsive element was its life and its charm.

The elaborate compositions of the prophets and their contemporaries may never have been intended for formal responsive singing ; and the same may be true of some of the Psalms ; but parallelisms having once originated for such purpose, and having had the sanction of ages, became a national habitude of verse-expression of all kinds, even when the responsive element was not actually called into operation. It may also be justly allowed, that in now seeking to reproduce the responsive parts in compositions that may have been designed for such exercise, different minds may fix upon diversified arrangements of responses and choruses, because absolute indication of the divisions fixed by the author, may, in the transmission of the poems, have been entirely obliterated ; but of this we are not quite sure. A minute inspection of the complex system of accents and pauses, introduced by the Masoretes, may exhibit an intentional preservation of this self-same thing in certain parts of the sacred text.

The peculiar features of this work are the following :—

1st. Responsive Services, in three parts. The first part comprises services taken entirely from the Scriptures, and for the first time arranged for congregational response and service. In adapting the passages to such usage, the author has taken not only those that he opined were originally intended for such purpose, and probably so employed in the Temple-service of Jerusalem, but even other portions that might profitably be so arranged. It is hoped

that, besides proving aids to devotion, these services will evince the sense and power of Holy Truth. Extant liturgies chiefly those evangelical in tone, and as far as adaptable to the radical idea of this work, constitute the second part. In those of early date, being critical restorations, a few omissions have been made, principally of prayers, for which indications for extempore supplication have been substituted. A few expressions which could not well be used by our modern churches have been altered, and the words inserted in lieu are italicised. These early liturgies are given as much as specimens of what obtained in the initial epochs of Church-life as for worship now-a-days. The Church-of-England services here appear in abridged, modified, and it is hoped improved form. To the excellent and valuable Biblical Liturgy by the Rev. David Thomas, the author is indebted for four compositions in this portion of the work. Because of their length in the original services they are here abridged and, moreover, fully adapted to congregational response. The third part consists of services original in composition. Three, entitled Obedience, Purity, Eternity, are from the pen of a friend, who kindly assisted the author ; by whose aid greater variety has been secured in this part.

The services of the whole work, though divided into three distinct portions, are yet designated under one, and not three series of numbers, in order to prevent confusion of reference, such as one sometimes painfully witnesses in the use of Watts' Psalms and Hymns. By the arrangement adopted, any minister can appoint a liturgy for morning or evening devotion, by simply announcing the number of the service, as the 5th, 15th, or 25th, as he may wish and see proper. And if any one object to the use of Responsive Services that are not in the *ipsissimis verbis* of Scripture, he is under no particular necessity to use parts two and three ; he may confine himself entirely to the first part. For those who have no such scruple, but can

embrace evangelism, whether in the language of the ancient or modern churches, and regard as much the spirit as the letter of the Divine record, the second portion will supply with the best utterances of the universal Church of Christ, so that they may worship in concord with the sainted dead. And the third portion will remind them of the Church as a present, living reality, having the Spirit now as well as in the days of yore ; and whilst not despising the good of antiquity, but conserving it, also able to contemplate wants and joys that *are*, and to present them acceptably before the All-inviting Mediatorial Throne.

2nd. No made prayers. Free prayer was a grand institute of the primal Church : it gave life and power to it. For premeditated prayer, extemporaneous in utterance, as contradistinguished from cold, prepared, unvaried public prayers, many churches have nobly contended for generations, and the author is not wishful to disown and disown free prayer. He would leave it precisely where it is, with this exception : that whereas "long prayer," as it is familiarly designated, is now often too rambling, too protracted, and too unspiritualizing, the author would assist devotion by the use of a responsive service, in which all should bear a distinct and hearty share, and by this means prepare for short, effective, holy, spontaneous prayer on the part of the minister and church. "Long prayer," which is a decided abuse of free prayer, might be for ever banished from our consecrated fanes, to the glad relief of both pastor and people. Not unfrequently has the author seen in small towns, and occasionally in large ones, a pulpit occupier, who had small ability in preaching, but tolerable gift in prayer, appoint four singings, make three prayers, the second one of excessive length, and all that there might be but fifteen or twenty minutes left for sermonizing. This is a disgusting time-serving in the house of God ; a dodge which old and young soon comprehend. It is unseemly ; and the writer wishes, by a judicious aid,

to prevent the necessity of so sorry an exhibition. Free prayer, and free prayer for ever ; the author seeks not its extinguishment, but its rescue from degradation by conversion into all-exhausting, never-ending, long prayer. There are but two prepared prayers in the work, one the Lord's prayer, to which few can reasonably object for congregational worship ; and the other Daniel's prayer on account of Jewish sin, inserted for repetition by all in the service on national transgressions ; should any object to this, there is an effective remedy by its non-employment. In the few ancient liturgies inserted in the second part will be found an *apparent* deviation from the strictness with which made prayers have been eliminated from other services, because the author deemed recitation of historical circumstances in the life of Christ, and of subjects of public united thankfulness, well calculated for responsive worship, and partaking more of the nature of the latter than of genuine supplication. Whilst advocating free prayer, the author is wishful to eschew for himself and others all bigotry and prejudice with regard to forms of prayer.

In using the responsive services, it would perhaps be the wisest course to offer a short extemporey prayer previous to the service being recited by minister and congregation, and then to follow it by another short, spontaneous presentation of thanks and supplications to the Father in heaven. This, it is humbly hoped, would be conducive to fervid, heartfelt devotion.

3rd. Short space of time occupied in each service. Twelve minutes is the average length of time for the completion of each service. A few may be fifteen or eighteen minutes ; but others are only ten, or even eight minutes long. This is an advantage. Too long a liturgy becomes wearisome.

4th. A part for our children and the Sabbath scholars. Worship as at present conducted in most dissenting places of worship, almost ignores the young people. This has

been felt by many to be an injurious anomaly, and especially with regard to that important element of our modern churches, the Sabbath-school children. It is attempted in these services to remedy this evil by assigning a distinct portion to the children, whether of the school or of private families. To accomplish well the part assigned, there must be unflagging attention and sustained interest on the part of the young, as well as of the more adult portion of the congregation. It will be no small pleasure to the author to have succeeded, even in a small measure, in the removal of this generally acknowledged defect.

5th. No monotony. In the use of one prescribed form, Sabbath by Sabbath, and year by year, there is generated not only a familiarity with the contents, but too frequently a wearying sense of monotony. The excellence of the ritual is impaired in effect by an unvarying repetition. To avoid this universally-felt evil of liturgies, not one, but an ample number of services upon various topics has been prepared. This feature of the work, by securing a pleasing and edifying diversity, will, it is presumed, effectually exclude all tediousness arising from sheer monotony.

Such are the distinctive features, and we would fain hope excellences, of the work now issued to the public. In other respects, the author is but too painfully aware of defects in execution; but had he waited for perfection nothing would have been attempted. Each part of this work might have been extended with facility, especially the number of services from extant liturgies might have been doubled; but such a course would have involved expense scarcely justified until it be seen whether the churches will to any extent adopt responsive services. In the hope that this little work may pioneer the way for something more elevated and effective, it is now offered to the churches

of Christ as the perishable tabernacle, that must precede the permanent temple.

To judge aright of these services they must be tried in public assembly, anything short of this will not display their simple and beauteous power for devotional help. It is recommended that the pastor or some leading influential member, should propose to a church the trial, for two or three months, of the work in the public celebration of God's worship, and after such trial had, to decide whether it shall be discontinued or constantly used. It will be advisable to appoint some youths of fifteen to eighteen years of age amongst the congregation and the school, to take the lead in rendering the children's responses. And the author would add this *caveat*, let no church quarrel about its introduction; it is far better to be without responsive services and have peace, than to possess them and strife and division therewith. But where experiment can be made kindly, wisely, and lovingly, by all means let it be made. The work will be found suitable on the consecrated ground of worship, rather than of dogmatic inculcations, for all who are Christ's, Episcopalians, Independents, Baptists, Wesleyans, New-connectionists, Primitives, etc., etc., etc. Devotion, not theology, has been aimed at.

The objectors to liturgies in any form or manner, the author would answer by these statements:—The responsive element is so well marked in some of the Psalms, that it is almost beyond doubt that the most ancient church of God used in that respect liturgical poems, accompanied by sacred music. The Jews in their *synagogue* worship seem to have had a liturgical service, and if so, Jesus and his apostles not unfrequently witnessed its celebration, if they did not take part therein. Be these things as they may, the early church had its responsive services, enlarged forms of which have come down to us. In the days of Hippolytus, Justin Martyn, Clement of Alexandria, and

Origen, liturgical services were publicly performed, more especially in connection with the celebration of the Eucharist. The Alexandrian, Antiochian, Roman, and Constantinopolitan Churches had services, which are extant in amplified form to this day. Luther composed his German Mass, or Responsive Liturgy ; Calvin his Genevan one : Knox produced another. The Continental churches to this day use Liturgies, the bequest of the Great Reformers. Liturgies are the heritage of the church. Liturgic practices have obtained in the church in all ages. I shall conclude in the words of a scholar, noted for his talent and his candour—Dr. Davidson—“ A due attention to the distinction between the *system* and its *accidents* will serve to moderate the excessive zeal of *indiscreet* friends on the one hand, and of opponents on the other. Thus some lay great stress on extemporeaneous prayer, as though it were a part of congregationalism, declaiming against liturgies, and all prescribed forms as unscriptural or prelatie. But should a particular church think it right to adopt occasionally written forms of prayer, judging them most conducive to devotional feeling, nothing in the system is opposed to that arrangement. The worshippers may agree to do so, or they may not, according to their ideas or experience of subserviency to edification, since the Sacred Scriptures determine nothing absolutely on the point. They may use precomposed forms, believing them to be lawful and expedient, though not to be *enforced* on the conscience, or to be absolutely binding, to the *utter exclusion* of extemporeaneous prayer.”*

J. W. C. D.

HANLEY, March 4th, 1858.

* Ecclesiastical Polity of the New Testament, p. 314.

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PART I.

R E S P O N S I V E S E R V I C E S,

*In the very Language of Scripture.**

* If the slightest modification is made, such as the substitution of plural for singular, it is indicated by italics.

EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS CONSTANTLY
OCCURRING.

M. MINISTER.
P. PEOPLE.
C. CHILDREN.

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I. PRAISE.

All. *Praise ye the Lord.

Minister. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens;

People. Praise Him in the heights.

M. Praise ye Him, all his angels;

P. Praise ye Him, all his hosts.

M. Praise ye Him, sun and moon;

P. Praise Him, all ye stars of light.

M. Praise Him, ye heaven of heavens,

P. And ye waters that be above the heavens.

All. Let them praise the name of the Lord :

M. For He commanded,

P. And they were created.

M. He hath also established them for ever and ever;

P. He hath made a decree which shall not pass.

All. Praise the Lord from the earth,

Ye dragons, and all deeps :

Fire and hail ;

Snow and vapours ;

Stormy wind fulfilling his word :

Mountains and all hills ;

Fruitful trees and all cedars :

Beasts and all cattle ;

* Psalm cxlviii.

Creeping things and flying fowl:

Kings of the earth, and all people;

Princes, and all judges of the earth;

Both young men and maidens;

Old men and children:

Let them praise the name of the Lord.

M. For his name alone is excellent;

P. His glory is above the earth and heaven.

M. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints;

P. Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto Him.

All. Praise ye the Lord.

*Praise ye the Lord. .

M. Sing unto the Lord a new song,

P. And his praise in the congregation of saints.

M. Let Israel rejoice in Him that made him;

P. Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

M. Let them praise his name in the dance;

P. Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.

M. For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:

P. He will beautify the meek with salvation.

M. Let the saints be joyful in glory:

P. Let them sing aloud upon their beds.

M. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,

And a two-edged sword in their hand;

P. To execute vengeance upon the heathen,

And punishments upon the people;

To bind their kings with chains,

And their nobles with fetters of iron;

To execute upon them the judgment written.

All. This honour have all his saints.

Praise ye the Lord.

†Praise ye the Lord.

M. Praise God in his sanctuary ;
P. Praise Him in the firmament of his power.
M. Praise Him for his mighty acts ;
P. Praise Him according to his excellent greatness.
M. Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet ;
P. Praise Him with the psaltery and harp.
M. Praise Him with the timbrel and dance ;
P. Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.
M. Praise Him upon the loud cymbals ;
P. Praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.
All. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.
*Praise ye the Lord.
M. Praise the Lord, O my soul.
P. While I live will I praise the Lord :
All. I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
M. Put not your trust in princes,
P. Nor in the son of man,
All. In whom there is no help.
M. His breath goeth forth,
P. He returneth to his earth ;
All. In that very day his thoughts perish.
M. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the Lord his God ;
P. Who made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that therein is ;
Who keepeth truth for ever.
Who executeth judgment for the oppressed ;
Who giveth food to the hungry.
M. The Lord looseth the prisoners ;
P. The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind.
M. The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down ;
P. The Lord loveth the righteous.

M. The Lord preserveth the strangers ;
P. He relieveth the fatherless and widow ;
M. But the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.

All. The Lord shall reign for ever,
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.
*Praise ye the Lord.

M. For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
P. For it is pleasant,
And praise is comely.

M. The Lord doth build up Jerusalem :
P. He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.

M. He healeth the broken in heart,
P. And bindeth up their wounds.

M. He telleth the number of the stars,
P. He calleth them all by their names.

All. Great is our Lord, and of great power :
His understanding is infinite.

M. The Lord lifteth up the meek ;
P. He casteth the wicked down to the ground.

M. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God ;
P. Who covereth the heavens with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

M. He giveth to the beast his food,
P. And to the young ravens which cry.

M. He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :
P. He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.

All. The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him,
In those that hope in his mercy.

M. Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem ;
P. Praise thy God, O Zion.

M. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;

P. He hath blessed thy children within thee.
M. He maketh peace in thy borders,
P. And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
M. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth ;
P. His word runneth very swiftly.
M. He giveth snow like wool ;
P. He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.
M. He casteth forth his ice like morsels ;
P. Who can stand before his cold ?
M. He sendeth out his word,
P. And melteth them.
M. He causeth his wind to blow,
P. And the waters flow.

All. He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
He hath not dealt so with any nation ;
And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye the Lord.

M. *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
P. For He hath visited and redeemed his people,
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of his servant David ;
M. As He spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began ;
P. That we should be saved from our enemies,
And from the hand of all who hate us ;
M. To perform the mercy promised unto our fathers,
And to remember his holy covenant ;
The oath which He sware to our father Abraham,
P. That He would grant unto us,
That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,
Might serve Him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before Him,
All the days of our life.

M. And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest;

P. For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
To prepare his ways,
To give knowledge of salvation
Unto his people, by the remission of their sins,
Through the tender mercy of our God.

All. Whereby the Day-spring from on high hath visited us,
To give light to them
That sit in darkness
And in the shadow of death,
To guide our feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

II. CREATION.

All. *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

And the earth was without form, and void;
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.

And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

M. And God said, Let there be light;

P. And there was light.

M. And God saw the light, that it was good:

P. And God divided the light from the darkness.

M. And God called the light Day.

P. And the darkness He called Night.

All. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

M. And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst
of the waters,

And let it divide the waters from the waters.

* Genesis i., ii. 1-3.

P. And God made the firmament,
And divided the waters which were under the firmament

From the waters which were above the firmament.

All. And it was so.

Children. And God called the firmament Heaven.

All. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

M. And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together into one place,

And let the dry land appear.

All. And it was so.

M. And God called the dry land Earth.

P. And the gathering together of waters called He Seas.

All. And God saw that it was good.

M. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass,

The herb yielding seed,

And the fruit-tree yielding fruit after *its* kind,

Whose seed is in itself upon the earth.

All. And it was so.

P. And the earth brought forth grass,

And herb yielding seed after *its* kind,

And the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after *its* kind.

All. And God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the third day.

M. And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of heaven,

To divide the day from the night;

And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years.

And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven To give light upon the earth.

All. And it was so.

P. And God made two great lights;

The greater light to rule the day,
And the lesser light to rule the night :
He made the stars also.

C. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven
To give light upon the earth,
And to rule over the day and over the night,
And to divide the light from the darkness.

All. And God saw that it was good.

And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

M. And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly
The moving creature that hath life,
And fowl that may fly above the earth
In the open firmament of heaven.

P. And God created great whales,
And every living creature that moveth,
Which the waters brought forth abundantly after their
kind,
And every winged fowl after *its* kind.

All. And God saw that it was good.

M. And God blessed them, saying,
Be fruitful and multiply,
And fill the waters in the seas,
And let fowl multiply on the earth.

All. And the evening and the morning were the fifth
day.

M. And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living
creature after *its* kind,
Cattle, and creeping thing,
And beast of the earth after *its* kind.

All. And it was so.

P. And God made the beast of the earth after *its* kind,
And cattle after their kind,
And every thing that creepeth upon the earth after *its*
kind.

All. And God saw that it was good.

M. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;

And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea,
And over the fowl of the air,
And over the cattle,
And over all the earth,
And over every creeping thing
That creepeth upon the earth.

P. So God created man in his own image,
In the image of God created He him;

All. Male and female created He them.

M. And God said,
Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed,
Which is upon the face of all the earth,
And every tree,
In which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed:

All. To you it shall be for food.

P. And to every beast of the earth,
And to every fowl of the air,
And to every thing that creepeth upon the earth,
Wherein there is life,
I have given every green herb for food.

All. And it was so.

M. And God saw every thing that He had made,

P. And behold it was very good.

All. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished,
And all the host of them.
And on the seventh day
God ended his work which He had made;
And He rested on the seventh day
From all his work which He had made.
And God blessed the seventh day
And sanctified it;

Because that in it
He had rested from all his work
Which God created and made.

*Bless the Lord, O my soul.

M. O Lord my God, Thou art very great :
Thou art clothed with honour and majesty. *

P. Who coverest Thyself with light as with a garment ;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain ;
Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters ;
Who maketh the clouds his chariot ;
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind ;
Who maketh his angels spirits ;
His ministers a flaming fire.

All. Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be removed for ever.

M. Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment :

P. The waters stood above the mountains.

M. At thy rebuke they fled ;

P. At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

M. They go up by the mountains,

P. They go down by the valleys

C. Unto the place which Thou hast founded for them.

All. Thou hast set a bound

That they may not pass over ;

That they turn not again

To cover the earth.

M. He sendeth the springs into the valleys,

P. Which run among the hills.

M. They give drink to every beast of the field ;

P. The wild asses quench their thirst.

All. By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their
habitation,

Which sing among the branches.

M. He watereth the hills from his chambers ;

P. The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

All. He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,

And herb for the service of man,

That he may bring forth food out of the earth ;

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,

And oil to make his face to shine,

And bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

M. The trees of the Lord are full of sap ;

P. The cedars of Lebanon which He hath planted ;

C. Where the birds make their nests ;

As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.

The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats ;

And the rocks for the conies.

M. He appointed the moon for seasons ;

P. The sun knoweth its going down.

M. Thou makest darkness,

P. And it is night :

C. Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

The young lions roar after their prey,

And seek their food from God.

M. The sun ariseth,

P. They gather themselves together,

C. And lay them down in their dens.

M. Man goeth forth unto his work

P. And to his labour until the evening.

All. O Lord ! how manifold are thy works !

In wisdom hast Thou made them all !

M. The earth is full of thy riches !

P. So is this great and wide sea !

C. Wherein are things creeping innumerable,

Both small and great beasts.

There go the ships !

There is that Leviathan !

Whom Thou hast made to play therein.

All. These all wait upon Thee :

That Thou mayst give them their food in due season.

M. That Thou givest them

C. They gather.

M. Thou openest thy hand,

C. They are filled with good.

M. Thou hidest thy face,

C. They are troubled.

M. Thou takest away their breath,

C. They die, and return to their dust.

M. Thou sendest forth thy Spirit,

C. They are created ;

And Thou renewest the face of the earth.

All. The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever !

The Lord shall rejoice in his works.

M. He looketh on the earth,

P. And it trembleth.

M. He toucheth the hills,

P. And they smoke.

All. I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :

I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

M. My meditation of Him shall be sweet ;

P. I will be glad in the Lord.

M. Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,

P. And let the wicked be no more.

All. Bless the Lord, O my soul !

C. Praise ye the Lord.

III. WORSHIP.

All. *How lovely are thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts !

M. My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth

For the courts of the Lord :

* Psalm lxxiv.

P. My heart and my flesh crieth out
For the living God.

C. Yea, the sparrow hath found a house,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young ;
Even thy altars, O Lord of Hosts,
My King and my God.

All. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house ;
They will still be praising Thee.

M. Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee ;
In whose heart are the ways of them.

P. Who passing through the valley of Baca
Make it a well ;
The rain also filleth the pools.

All. They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.

M. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer ;

P. Give ear, O God of Jacob.

All. Behold, O God, our shield,
And look upon the face of thine anointed.

M. For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

C. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God,
Than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

M. For the Lord God is a sun and shield ;

P. The Lord will give grace and glory ;

C. No good thing will He withhold from them that walk
uprightly.

All. O Lord of Hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.

M. *O come, let us sing unto the Lord,

P. Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

M. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,

P. And make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

All. For the Lord is a great God,

And a great King above all gods.

M. In his hand are the deep places of the earth ;

P. The strength of the hills is his also.

M. The sea is his, for He made it,

P. And his hands formed the dry land.

All. O come, let us worship and bow down ;

Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

M. For He is our God ;

P. And we are the people of his pasture,

C. And the sheep of his hand.

M. To-day if ye will hear his voice,

Harden not your heart, as in the provocation,

And as in the day of temptation in the wilderness ;

When your fathers tempted me,

Proved me, and saw my work.

P. Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,

And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,

And they have not known my ways.

All. Unto whom I swear in my wrath,

That they should not enter into my rest.

M. *O sing unto the Lord a new song ;

P. Sing unto the Lord all the earth.

M. Sing unto the Lord, bless his name ;

P. Shew forth his salvation from day to day.

M. Declare his glory among the heathen,

P. His wonders among all people.

All. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised ;

He is to be feared above all gods.

M. For all the gods of the nations are idols ;

P. But the Lord made the heavens.

M. Honour and majesty are before Him ;

P. Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

All. Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people,

Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name :

Bring an offering, and come into his courts.

M. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness :

P. Fear before Him, all the earth.

All. Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth :

The world also shall be established that it shall not be moved :

He shall judge the people righteously.

M. Let the heavens rejoice,

C. And let the earth be glad.

M. Let the sea roar,

C. And the fulness thereof.

M. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein ;

C. Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

All. For He cometh,

He cometh to judge the earth :

He shall judge the world with righteousness,

And the people with his truth.

All. *The Lord reigneth ! *The Lord reigneth !*

M. Let the earth rejoice !

P. Let the multitude of the isles be glad thereof.

M. Clouds and darkness are round about Him :

P. Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne.

C. A fire goeth before Him,

And burneth up his enemies round about.

M. His lightnings enlightened the world ;

P. The earth saw,

C. And trembled.

M. The hills melted like wax

P. At the presence of the Lord,

C. At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

M. The heavens declare his righteousness,

P. And all the people see his glory.

All. Confounded be all they that serve graven images !

That boast themselves of idols !

Worship Him, all ye gods !

M. Zion heard,

C. And was glad :

P. And the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of thy judgments, O Lord :

All. For Thou, Lord, art high above all the earth ;

Thou art exalted far above all gods.

M. Ye that love the Lord, hate evil.

P. He preserveth the souls of his saints ;

C. He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

M. Light is sown for the righteous,

P. And gladness for the upright in heart.

All. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous ;

And give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

* O sing unto the Lord a new song,

M. For He hath done marvellous things :

P. His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.

M. The Lord hath made known his salvation ;

P. His righteousness hath He openly showed in the sight of the heathen.

C. He hath remembered his mercy and his truth

Toward the house of Israel :

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth :

Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise.

M. Sing unto the Lord with the harp :

C. With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.

P. With trumpets and sound of cornet

Make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

M. Let the sea roar,

C. And the fulness thereof:

M. The world,

C. And they that dwell therein.

M. Let the floods clap their hands;

C. Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord;

All. For He cometh to judge the earth:

With righteousness shall He judge the world,

And the people with equity.

All. *The Lord reigneth! *The Lord reigneth!*

C. Let the people tremble.

All. He sitteth between the cherubim:

C. Let the earth be moved.

All. The Lord is great in Zion;

And He is high above all the people.

Let them praise thy great and terrible name,

For it is holy.

M. The king's strength also loveth judgment:

P. Thou dost establish equity,

C. Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

All. Exalt ye the Lord our God,

And worship at his footstool:

For He is holy.

M. Moses and Aaron among his priests,

C. And Samuel among them that call upon his name;

P. They called upon the Lord, and He answered them,

M. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar;

C. They kept his testimonies,

And the ordinance that He gave them.

P. Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God:

M. Thou wast a God that forgavest them,

C. Though Thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

All. Exalt the Lord our God,

And worship at his holy hill;

* Psalm xcix.

For the Lord our God is holy.
 *Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands,
 Serve the Lord with gladness,
 Come before his presence with singing.
M. Know ye, that the Lord He is God,
P. It is He who hath made us, and not we ourselves ;
C. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
All. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
 And into his courts with praise :
 Be thankful unto Him, and bless his name.
 For the Lord is good ;
 His mercy is everlasting ;
 And his truth endureth to all generations.

IV. TEMPTATION.

All. †Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast
 of the field
 Which the Lord God had made.
M. And he said unto the woman,
 Yea, hath God said,
 Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden ?
P. And the woman said unto the serpent,
 We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden ;
 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the
 garden,
 God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it ;
 Neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.
M. And the serpent said unto the woman,
 Ye shall not surely die :
 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof,
 Then your eyes shall be opened,

* Psalm c.

† Gen. iii.

And ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

P. And when the woman saw

That the tree was good for food,
And that it was pleasant to the eyes,
And a tree to be desired to make one wise,
She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat,
And gave also unto her husband—and he did eat.

All. And the eyes of them both were opened,

And they knew that they were naked ;
And they sewed fig-leaves together,
And made themselves aprons.

C. And they heard the voice of the Lord God
Walking in the garden in the cool of the day :
And Adam and his wife hid themselves
From the presence of the Lord God,
Amongst the trees of the garden.

M. And the Lord God called unto Adam,
And said unto him, Where art thou ?

P. And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden,
And I was afraid, because I was naked ;
And I hid myself.

M. And He said, Who told thee that thou wast naked ?
Hast thou eaten of the tree whereof
I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat ?

P. And the man said,
The woman whom Thou gavest to be with me,
She gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

M. And the Lord God said unto the woman,
What is this that thou hast done ?

P. And the woman said,
The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

All. And the Lord said unto the serpent,
Because thou hast done this,
Thou art cursed above all cattle,
And above every beast of the field ;

Upon thy belly shalt thou go,
And dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life.
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman,
And between thy seed and her seed ;
He shall bruise thy head,
And thou shalt bruise his heel.

M. Unto the woman He said,

I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception :
In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children ;
And thy desire shall be to thy husband,
And he shall rule over thee.

P. And unto Adam He said,

Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife,
And hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee,
Saying, Thou shalt not eat of it ;
Cursed is the ground for thy sake ;
In sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life ;
Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee ;
And thou shalt eat the herb of the field ;
In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread,
Till thou return unto the ground ;
For out of it wast thou taken :
For dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

M. And Adam called his wife's name Eve,

P. Because she was^{the} the mother of all living.

All. Unto Adam also and to his wife

Did the Lord God make coats of skins,
And clothed them.

M. And the Lord God said,

Behold ! the man is become as one of us,
To know good and evil ;
And now, lest he put forth his hand,
And take also of the tree of life,
And eat, and live for ever :

P. Therefore the Lord God sent him forth

From the garden of Eden,
To till the ground,
From whence he was taken.

All. So He drove out the man :

And He placed at the east of the garden of Eden cheru-
bim,

And a flaming sword which turned every way,
To keep the way of the tree of life.

*Now there was a day when the sons of God
Came to present themselves before the Lord,
And Satan came also amongst them.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
Whence comest thou? *

P. Then Satan answered the Lord, and said,
From going to and fro in the earth,
And from walking up and down in it.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
Hast thou considered my servant Job,
That there is none like him on the earth,
A perfect and an upright man,
One that feareth God, and escheweth evil?

P. Then Satan answered the Lord, and said,
Doth Job fear God for nought?
Hast Thou not made a hedge about him,
And about his house,
And about all that he hath on every side?
Thou hast blessed the work of his hands,
And his substance is increased in the land.
But put forth thy hand now,
And touch all that he hath,
And he will curse Thee to thy face.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
Behold, all that he hath is in thy power ;
Only upon himself put not forth thy hand.

All. So Satan went forth from the presence of the Lord.

C. And there was a day when his sons and his daughters
Were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's
house :

And there came a messenger unto Job, and said,

The oxen were plowing,

And the asses were feeding beside them;

And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away ;
Yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the
sword ;

And I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

M. While he was yet speaking, there came also another,
and said,

The fire of God is fallen from heaven,

And hath burned up the sheep,

And the servants, and consumed them ;

And I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

P. While he was yet speaking, there came also another,
and said,

The Chaldeans made out three bands,

And fell upon the camels, and have carried them away,

Yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword ;

And I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

C. While he was yet speaking, there came also another,
and said,

Thy sons and thy daughters were eating

And drinking wine in their eldest brother's house,

And, behold; there came a great wind from the wilder-
ness,

And smote the four corners of the house,

And it fell upon the young men,—and they are dead ;

And I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

M. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle,

And shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground,

And worshipped, and said,

Naked came I out of my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return thither:
The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away ;
Blessed be the name of the Lord.

All. In all this Job sinned not,
Nor charged God foolishly.

*Again there was a day when the sons of God came
To present themselves before the Lord,
And Satan came also among them
To present himself before the Lord.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
From whence comest thou ?

P. And Satan answered the Lord, and said,
From going to and fro in the earth,
And from walking up and down in it.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
Hast thou considered my servant Job,
That there is none like him in the earth,
A perfect and an upright man,
One that feareth God, and escheweth evil ?
And still he holdeth fast his integrity,
Although thou movedst me against him,
To destroy him without cause.

P. And Satan answered the Lord, and said,
Skin for skin,
Yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.
But put forth thy hand now,
And touch his bone and his flesh,
And he will curse Thee to thy face.

M. And the Lord said unto Satan,
Behold, he is in thy hand ;
But save his life.

All. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord,
And smote Job with sore boils

From the sole of his foot unto his crown.

C. And he took a potsherd to scrape himself withal ;
And he sat down among the ashes.

P. Then said his wife unto him,
Dost thou still retain thine integrity ?
Curse God, and die.

M. But he said unto her,
Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh.
What ! shall we receive good at the hand of God,
And shall we not receive evil ?

All. In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

M. *Make haste, O God, to deliver me :
Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P. Let them be ashamed and confounded
That seek after my soul ;
Let them be turned backward and put to confusion
That desire my hurt.

C. Let them be turned back
For a reward of their shame
That say, Aha ! aha !

M. Let all those that seek Thee
Rejoice and be glad in Thee :

P. And let such as love thy salvation
Say continually, Let God be magnified.

All. But I am poor and needy :
Make haste unto me, O God :
Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
O Lord make no tarrying.

C. †Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness
To be tempted of the Devil.
And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights
He was afterwards a hungered.

M. And when the tempter came to Him,

* Psalm lxx.

† Matt. iv. 1-11.

He said, If Thou be the Son of God,
 Command that these stones be made bread.
 But He answered and said, It is written
 Man shall not live by bread alone,
 But by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of
 God.

C. Then the devil taketh Him up into the holy city,
 And setteth Him on a pinnacle of the temple,
M. And saith unto Him, If Thou be the Son of God,
 Cast thyself down; for it is written,
 He shall give his angels charge concerning Thee;
 And in their hands they shall bear Thee up,
 Lest at any time Thou dash thy foot against a stone.
P. Jesus said unto him, It is written,
 Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.
C. Again, the Devil taketh Him up into
 An exceeding high mountain,
 And sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world,
 And the glory of them;
M. And saith unto Him,
 All these things will I give Thee,
 If Thou wilt fall down and worship me.
P. Then saith Jesus unto him,
 Get thee hence, Satan; for it is written,
 Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,
 And Him only shalt thou serve.
All. Then the Devil leaveth Him,
 And, behold, angels came and ministered unto Him.
 *Our Father who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever. Amen.

V. REDEMPTION.

M. *Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song
unto the Lord, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously ;
The horse and his rider hath He thrown into the sea.

P. The Lord is my strength and my song ;

And He is become my salvation ;
He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation,
My father's God, and I will exalt Him.

All. The Lord is a man of war :

The Lord is his name.

M. Pharaoh's chariot and his horse hath He cast into the
sea,

His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea.

P. The depths have covered them :

They sank into the bottom as a stone.

All. Thy right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power ;
Thy right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the
enemy.

And in the greatness of thine excellency

Thou hast overthrown those that rose up against Thee :

Thou sentest forth thy wrath,

Which consumed them as stubble.

And with the blast of thy nostrils

The waters were gathered together,
The floods stood upright as a heap,
And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.

M. The enemy said, I will pursue,
I will overtake, I will divide the spoil ;
My lust shall be satisfied upon them ;

I will draw my sword ; my hand shall destroy them.

P. Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered
them ;

They sank as lead in the mighty waters.

All. Who is like unto Thee, O Lord, among the gods ?

Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness,

Fearful in praises, doing wonders ?

Thou stretchedst out thy right hand,
The earth swallowed them.

M. Thou, in thy mercy, hast led forth the people which
Thou hast redeemed ;

Thou hast guided them in thy strength unto thy holy
habitation.

C. The people shall hear and be afraid ;
Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestine ;
Then the Dukes of Edom shall be amazed ;
The mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold of
them ;

All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.

Fear and dread shall fall upon them ;

By the greatness of thy arm, they shall be as still as
a stone ;

Till thy people pass over, O Lord,

Till the people pass over, whom Thou hast purchased.

M. Thou shalt bring them in,
And plant them in the mountain of thine inherit-
ance,
In the place, O Lord, which Thou hast made for Thee
to dwell in,

In the sanctuary, O Lord, which thy hands have established.

P. The Lord shall reign for ever and ever.

All. For the horse of Pharaoh went in

With his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea ;

• And the Lord brought again the waters of the sea upon them :

But the children of Israel went on dry land in the midst of the sea.

*Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty,

Give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name ;

• Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters ;

The God of glory thundereth ;

The Lord is upon many waters.

M. The voice of the Lord is powerful :

P. The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

C. The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars ;

Yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

M. He maketh them also to skip like a calf :

Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

P. The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

C. The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness ;

The Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

M. The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve,

And discovereth the forests ;

P. And in his temple doth every one speak of his glory.

All. The Lord sitteth upon the flood ;

Yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

The Lord will give strength unto his people ;

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

M. †Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous ;

P. For praise is comely for the upright.

M. Praise the Lord with harp ;

P. Sing unto Him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

C. Sing unto Him a new song :

Play skilfully with a loud noise.

All. For the word of the Lord is right ;

And all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment :

The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

M. By the word of the Lord were the heavens made ;

P. And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

C. He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap :

He layeth up the depth in storehouses.

All. Let all the earth fear the Lord ;

Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.

M. For He spake,

C. And it was done ;

M. He commanded,

C. And it stood fast.

M. The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought :

P. He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

All. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever,

The thoughts of his heart to all generations.

M. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord :

P. And the people whom He hath chosen for his inheritance.

M. The Lord looketh from heaven ;

C. He beholdeth all the sons of men.

All. From the place of his habitation

He looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

M. He fashioneth their hearts alike ;

P. He considereth all their works.

M. There is no king saved by the multitude of a host :

P. A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.

C. A horse is a vain thing for safety ;

Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

All. Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear
Him,

Upon them that hope in his mercy ;

To deliver their soul from death,

And to keep them alive in famine.

M. Our soul waiteth for the Lord ;

P. He is our help and our shield.

All. For our heart shall rejoice in Him ;

Because we have trusted in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us,

According as we hope in Thee.

M. *Who is this that cometh from Edom,

With dyed garments from Bozrah ?

P. This that is glorious in his apparel,

Travelling in the greatness of his strength ?

All. I that speak in righteousness,

Mighty to save.

M. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel ?

P. And thy garments like him that treadeth in the
wine-fat ?

All. I have trodden the wine-press alone :

And of the people there was none with me ;

For I will tread them in mine anger,

And trample them in my fury :

And their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments,

And I will stain all my raiment.

For the day of vengeance is in my heart,

And the year of my recompense is come.

And I looked, and there was none to help ;

And I wondered that there was none to uphold :

Therefore my own arm brought salvation unto me ;

And my fury, it upheld me.

And I will tread down the people in my anger;
And make them drunk in my fury;
And I will bring down their strength to the earth.

M. I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and
the praises of the Lord;

According to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us,
And the great goodness to the house of Israel,
Which He hath bestowed upon them according to his
mercies,

And according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

C. For He said, Surely they are my people, children that
will not lie:

So He was their Saviour.

P. In all their affliction He was afflicted,
And the angel of his presence saved them:
In his love and in his pity He redeemed them;
And He bare them, and carried them all the days of
old.

All. But they rebelled, and vexed his Holy Spirit:
Therefore He was turned to be their enemy,
And He fought against them.

M. Then He remembered the days of old,
Moses, and his people, saying,
Where is He that brought them up out of the sea with
the shepherd of his flock?

Where is He that put his Holy Spirit within Him?

P. That led them by the right hand of Moses with his
glorious arm,
Dividing the water before them, to make Himself an
everlasting name?

C. That led them through the deep as a horse in the wil-
derness,
That they should not stumble?

All. As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of
the Lord caused him to rest:

So didst Thou lead thy people, to make Thyselv a
glorious name.

M. Look down from heaven,

And behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of
thy glory;

Where is thy zeal and thy strength,

The sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward
me?

P. Are they restrained?

All. Doubtless Thou art our Father,

Though Abraham be ignorant of us,

And Israel acknowledge us not:

Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer:

Thy name is from everlasting.

VI. THE WORD OF GOD.

M. *The heavens declare the glory of God:

P. And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

M. Day unto day uttereth speech,

P. And night unto night sheweth knowledge.

C. There is no speech nor language,

Where their voice is not heard.

All. Their line is gone out through all the earth,

And their words to the end of the world.

M. In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,

Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,

And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

C. His going forth is from the end of the heaven,

And his circuit unto the ends of it:

All. And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

M. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:

P. The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

C. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

M. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever:

P. The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

All. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned;

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

M. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;

P. Let them not have dominion over me:

C. Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

All. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,

Be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength, and my Redeemer.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way,

Who walk in the law of the Lord.

M. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,

And that seek Him with the whole heart.

P. They also do no iniquity:

They walk in his ways.

C. Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

All. O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes.

M. Then shall I not be ashamed,

P. When I have respect unto all thy commandments.

M. I will praise Thee with uprightness of heart,

* Psalm cxix. 1-72

C. When I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

All. I will keep thy statutes;

O forsake me not utterly.

C. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?

M. By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

C. With my whole heart have I sought Thee;

O let me not wander from thy commandments.

P. Thy word have I hid in my heart,

That I might not sin against Thee.

All. Blessed art Thou, O Lord:

Teach me thy statutes.

M. With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

P. I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

C. I will meditate in thy precepts,

And have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes:

I will not forget thy word.

M. Deal bountifully with thy servant,

That I may live and keep thy word.

C. Open Thou mine eyes,

That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

P. I am a stranger in the earth:

Hide not thy commandments from me.

C. My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

M. Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed,

That do err from thy commandments.

C. Remove from me reproach and contempt:

For I have kept thy testimonies.

P. Princes also did sit and speak against me;

But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.

All. Thy testimonies also are my delight,

And my counsellors.

M. My soul cleaveth unto the dust ;
Quicken Thou me according to thy word.

P. I have declared my ways, and Thou hearest me :
Teach me thy statutes.

C. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts ;
So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

M. My soul melteth for heaviness ;
Strengthen Thou me according unto thy word.

C. Remove from me the way of lying ;
And grant me thy law graciously.

P. I have chosen the way of truth ;
Thy judgments have I laid before me.

M. I have stuck unto thy testimonies ;
O Lord, put me not to shame.

C. I will run in the way of thy commandments ;
When Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

M. Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
C. And I shall keep it unto the end.

M. Give me understanding,
C. And I shall keep thy law :
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

M. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments,
P. For therein do I delight.

M. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
P. And not unto covetousness.

All. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity ;
And quicken Thou me in thy way.

M. Stablish thy word unto thy servant,
Who is devoted to thy fear.

P. Turn away my reproach which I fear ;
For thy judgments are good.

C. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts ;
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

All. Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.

M. So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me,
For I trust in thy word.

C. And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth ;
For I have hoped in thy judgments.

All. So shall I keep thy law continually, for ever and ever.

C. And I will walk at liberty ;
For I seek thy precepts.

M. I will speak of thy testimonies also before kings,
And will not be ashamed.

P. And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.

All. My hands, also, will I lift up unto thy commandments,
Which I have loved ;
And I will meditate in thy statutes.

C. Remember the word unto thy servant,
Upon which Thou hast caused me to hope.

P. This is my comfort in my affliction ;
For thy word hath quickened me.

M. The proud have had me greatly in derision ;
Yet have I not declined from thy law.

All. I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord ;
And comforted myself.

M. Horror hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

P. Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.

C. I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the night,
And have kept thy law.

All. This I had, because I kept thy precepts.

M. Thou art my portion, O Lord :
I have said that I would keep thy words.

P. I intreated thy favour with my whole heart :
 Be merciful unto me according to thy word.

C. I thought of my ways,
 And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

All. I made haste,
 And delayed not to keep thy commandments.

M. The bands of the wicked have robbed me :
 But I have not forgotten thy law.

P. At midnight will I rise to give thanks unto Thee,
 Because of thy righteous judgments.

C. I am a companion of all them that fear Thee,
 And of them that keep thy precepts.

All. The earth, O Lord, is full of thy mercy :
 Teach me thy statutes.

M. Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O Lord,
 According unto thy word.

C. Teach me good judgment and knowledge :
 For I have believed thy commandments.

P. Before I was afflicted I went astray :
 But now have I kept thy word.

All. Thou art good, and doest good :
 Teach me thy statutes.

M. The proud have forged a lie against me :
 But I will keep thy precepts with my whole heart.

C. Their heart is as fat as grease ;
 But I delight in thy law.

P. It is good for me that I have been afflicted ;
 That I might learn thy statutes.

All. The law of thy mouth is better unto me
 Than thousands of gold and silver.

Chant. Glory be unto the Father, etc.

Amen.

VII. SIN.

C. *The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken,
And called the earth, from the rising of the sun, to the
going down thereof.

M. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined.

P. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence ;
A fire shall devour before Him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about Him.

All. He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth, that He may judge his people.

M. Gather my saints together unto me ;
Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

All. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness :
For God is Judge Himself.

M. Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee :
I am God, even thy God.
I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices, or thy burnt-
offerings,
To have been continually before me :
I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
For every beast of the forest is mine ;
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
I know all the fowls of the mountains ;
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.
If I were hungry, I would not tell thee ;
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.
Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats ?

All. Offer unto God thanksgiving ;
 And pay thy vows unto the Most High.

M. And call upon me in the day of trouble :
 I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

P. But unto the wicked God saith,
 What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
 Of that thou shouldst take my covenant in thy mouth ?

C. Seeing thou hatest instruction,
 And castest my words behind thee.
 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with
 him,
 And hast been partaker with adulterers.
 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
 And thy tongue frameth deceit.
 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother :
 Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.

M. These things hast thou done, and I kept silence ;
 Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as
 thyself :
 But I will reprove thee,
 And set them in order before thine eyes.
 Now, consider this, ye that forget God,
 Lest I tear you in pieces,
 And there be none to deliver.
 Whoso offereth praise, glorifieth me ;
 And to him that ordereth his conversation aright,
 Will I show the salvation of God.

All. God be merciful to *us sinners*.

M. *Some remove the landmarks :
 They violently take away flocks and feed thereof.

C. They drive away the ass of the fatherless ;
 They take the widow's ox for a pledge.

P. They turn the needy out of the way ;
 The poor of the earth hide themselves together.

All. Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work;

Rising betimes for a prey :

The wilderness yieldeth food for them and for their children.

M. They reap every one his corn in the field ;
And they gather the vintage of the wicked.

P. They cause the naked to lodge without clothing,
That they have no covering in the cold.

They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

C. They pluck the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge of the poor.
They cause him to go naked without clothing,
And they take away the sheaf from the hungry.
Who make oil within their walls,
And tread their winepresses, but suffer thirst.

All. Men groan from out of the city,
And the soul of the wounded crieth out ;
Yet God layeth not folly to them.

M. They are of those that rebel against the light ;
They know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.

C. The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy,
And in the night is as a thief.

P. The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
Saying, No eye shall see me :
And disguiseth his face.

C. In the dark they dig through houses,
Which they had marked for themselves in the daytime :
They know not the light.

All. For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death :
If one know them they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.

M. *Behold, thou art called a Jew, and restest in the law,
And makest thy boast of God, and knowest his will,
And approvest the things that are more excellent,
Being instructed out of the law;
And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the
blind,
A light of them which are in darkness,
An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes,
Who hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in
the law.

P. Thou therefore that teachest another,
Teachest thou not thyself?
Thou that preachest a man should not steal,
Dost thou steal?
Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery,
Dost thou commit adultery?
Thou that abhorrest idols,
Dost thou commit sacrilege?
Thou that makest thy boast of the law,
Through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?
All. Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man,
Whosoever thou art that judgest;
For wherein thou judgest another thou condemnest
thyself.
But we are sure that the judgment of God is according
to truth
Against them which commit such things.
And thinkest thou this, O man,
That judgest them that dosuch things, and doest the same,
That thou shalt escape the judgment of God?
Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness, and for-
bearance, and long-suffering;
Not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to
repentance?

* Romans ii. 17—23, and 1—6.

But after thy hardness and impenitent heart
Treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of
wrath

And revelation of the righteous judgment of God :
Who will render to every man according to his deeds.

M. *Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to thy loving-kindness ;
According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity ;
And cleanse me from my sin.

P. For I acknowledge my transgressions :
And my sin is ever before me.

All. Against Thee, Thee only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in thy sight :
That Thou mightest be justified when Thou speakest,
And clear when Thou judgest.

M. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.

C. Behold, Thou desirest truth in the inward parts ;
And in the hidden part Thou shalt make me to know
wisdom.

P. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean :
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

All. Make me to hear joy and gladness ;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

M. Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

C. Create in me a clean heart, O God ;
And renew a right spirit within me.

P. Cast me not away from thy presence ;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

All. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation :
And uphold me with thy free spirit.

M. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways :
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

P. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,
Thou God of my salvation :
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
C. O Lord, open Thou my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

All. For Thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it :
Thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

M. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit ;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not
despise.

P. Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion :
Build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

C. Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifices of
righteousness,
With burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering :
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altars.

M. God be merciful to me, a sinner !

P. God be merciful to me, a sinner !

C. God be merciful to me, a sinner !

All. Thou Son of David, have mercy upon us !

Amen.

VIII. THE SAVIOUR.

M. *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given :
And the government shall be upon his shoulder :
P. And his name shall be called Wonderful—Counsellor—
The Mighty God—the Everlasting Father—the Prince
of Peace.

* Isaiah ix. 6, 7.

C. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,

Upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it,

And to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

All. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

M. *Fear not :

For behold I bring you tidings of great joy,
Which shall be to all people.

P. For unto you is born this day in the city of David
A Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

C. And this shall be a sign unto you ;

Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes,
Lying in a manger !

All. Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace, good-will toward men.

M. †Who hath believed our report ?

And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed ?

C. For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of a dry ground :

He hath no form, nor comeliness :

And when we shall see Him,

There is no beauty that we should desire Him.

P. He is despised and rejected of men :

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief :

And we hid as it were our faces from Him :

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

M. Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows :

Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

P. But He was wounded for our transgressions ;

He was bruised for our iniquities :

* Luke ii. 10-12, 14.

† Isaiah liii.

The chastisement of our peace was upon Him :
And with his stripes are we healed.

C. All we like sheep have gone astray :
We have turned every one to his own way :
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

M. He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not his mouth :
He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
So He openeth not his mouth.

P. He was taken from prison and from judgment :
And who shall declare his generation ?
For He was cut off out of the land of the living :
For the transgression of my people was He stricken.

C. And He made his grave with the wicked,
And with the rich in his death :
Because He had done no violence,
Neither was any deceit in his mouth.

All. Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him :
He hath put Him to grief :
When Thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,
He shall see his seed, He shall prolong his days :
And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied :
By his knowledge shall my Righteous Servant justify many ;
For He shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great,
And He shall divide the spoil with the strong.

M. Because He hath poured out his soul unto death.

P. And He was numbered with the transgressors.
C. And He bare the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

All. *Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive
Power, and Riches, and Wisdom, and Strength,
And Honour, and Glory, and Blessing.

M. †Why do the heathen rage ?
And the people imagine a vain thing ?

P. The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the Lord, and against his Anointed,
Saying, Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.

All. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh :
The Lord shall have them in derision.

M. Then shall He speak unto them in his wrath ;
P. And vex them in his sore displeasure.

All. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.
M. I will declare the decree :

The Lord hath said unto me, Thou art My Son ;
This day have I begotten Thee.

Ask of me,
And I shall give Thee the heathen for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron :
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

P. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings :
Be instructed ye judges of the earth.

Serve the Lord with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.

C. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry,
And ye perish from the way,
When his wrath is kindled but a little.

All. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.
†Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

M. *Give the king thy judgments, O God,
P. And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
M. He shall judge thy people with righteousness,
P. And thy poor with judgment.
M. The mountains shall bring peace to the people ;
C. And the little hills by righteousness ;
M. He shall judge the poor of the people,
C. He shall save the children of the needy,
P. And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
All. They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon
endure, throughout all generations
M. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass,
C. As showers that water the earth.
M. In his days shall the righteous flourish ;
P. And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.
M. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea :
C. And from the river unto the ends of the earth.
M. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before
Him ;
P. And his enemies shall lick the dust.
M. The kings of Tarshish and of the Isles shall bring
presents ;
C. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
All. Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him :
All nations shall serve Him.
M. For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth,
The poor also, and him that hath no helper.
C. He shall spare the poor and needy ;
And shall save the souls of the needy.
P. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence ;
And precious shall their blood be in his sight.
All. And He shall live,
And to Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba ;
Prayer also shall be made for Him continually :

And daily shall He be praised.

M. And there shall be a handful of corn in the earth upon
the top of the mountains;

C. The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :

P. And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the
earth.

All. His name shall endure for ever :

His name shall be continued as long as the sun :

And men shall be blessed in Him :

All nations shall call Him Blessed.

M. Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things.

P. And blessed be his glorious name for ever :

C. And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.

All. Amen and amen.

*Hosanna.

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord !

Blessed be the kingdom of our father David,

That cometh in the name of the Lord :

Hosanna in the highest.

†Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever :

A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy king-
dom.

IX. NATIONAL SINS.

M. †Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth ;

For the Lord hath spoken,

I have nourished and brought up children,

And they have rebelled against me.

C. The ox knoweth his owner,

* Mark xi. 9, 10.

+ Hebrews i. 8.

† Isaiah i. 2—20.

And the ass his master's crib :
But Israel doth not know,
My people doth not consider.

All. Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity,
A seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupters !
They have forsaken the Lord,
They have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger,
They are gone away backward.

M. Why should ye be stricken any more ?
Ye will revolt more and more :

P. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

M. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is
no soundness in it ;
But wounds and bruises and putrifying sores :

P. They have not been closed, neither bound up,
Neither mollified with ointment.

M. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with
fire ;
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

C. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a
vineyard,
As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged
city.

All. Except the Lord of Hosts had left unto us a very
small remnant,

We should have been as Sodom,
And we should have been like unto Gomorrah !

M. Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom ;
Give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Go-
morrhah :

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto
me ? saith the Lord :

I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of
fed beasts ;

And I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs,
or of he-goats.
When ye come to appear before me,
Who hath required this at your hand,
To tread my courts?
Bring no more vain oblations;
Incense is an abomination unto me;
The new-moons and sabbaths,
The calling of assemblies, I cannot away with;
It is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul
hateth:
They are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.
And when ye spread forth your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear:
Your hands are full of blood.
Wash you, make you clean;
Put away the evil of your doings from before my eyes;
Cease to do evil; learn to do well;
Seek judgment; relieve the oppressed;
Judge the fatherless; plead for the widow.
Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord:
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white
as snow;
Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
If ye be willing and obedient,
Ye shall eat the good of the land;
But if ye refuse and rebel,
Ye shall be devoured with the sword:
All. For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.
M. *Therefore also now, saith the Lord,
Turn ye even to me with all your heart,
And with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.

And rend your heart, and not your garments,
And turn unto the Lord your God :
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness,
And repenteth Him of the evil.

P. Who knoweth if he will return and repent,
And leave a blessing behind him,
C. Even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the
Lord your God ?

M. Blow the trumpet in Zion,
Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly ;
P. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation,
Assemble the elders, gather the children,
And those that suck the breasts ;
Let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber,
And the bride out of her closet :

C. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord,
Weep between the porch and the altar,
And let them say,

M. Spare thy people, O Lord,
And give not thine heritage to reproach,
That the heathen should rule over them ;
Wherefore should they say among the people,
Where is their God ?

All. Then will the Lord be jealous for his land,
And pity his people ;
Yea, the Lord will answer.

M. *And I set my face unto the Lord God,
To seek by prayer and supplications,
With fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes :

P. And I prayed unto the Lord, my God,
And made my confession, and said,

All. O Lord, the great and dreadful God,
Keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love Him.

And to them that keep his commandments :
We have sinned, and have committed iniquity,
And have done wickedly, and have rebelled,
Even by departing from thy precepts and from thy
judgments :
Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the pro-
phets,
Who spake in thy name to our kings, our princes,
And our fathers, and to all the people of the land.
O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee,
But unto us confusion of faces, as at this day ;
To the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jeru-
salem,
And unto all Israel, that are near and that are far off,
Through all the countries whither Thou hast driven
them,
Because of their trespass that they have trespassed
against Thee.
O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face,
To our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers,
Because we have sinned against Thee.
To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses,
Though we have rebelled against Him ;
Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God,
To walk in his laws,
Which He set before us by his servants the prophets.
Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law,
Even by departing,
That they might not obey thy voice ;
Therefore the curse is poured upon us,
And the oath that is written in the law of Moses,
The servant of God, because we have sinned against
Him ;
And He hath confirmed his words,
Which He spake against us,

And against our judges that judged us,
By bringing upon us a great evil ;
For under the whole heaven hath not been done
As hath been done upon Jerusalem.
As it is written in the law of Moses,
All this evil is come upon us :
Yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God,
That we might turn from our iniquities,
And understand thy truth.
Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil,
And brought it upon us :
For the Lord our God is righteous in all his works
which He doeth :
For we obeyed not his voice.
And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy
people
Forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand,
And hast gotten Thee renown, as at this day ;
We have sinned, we have done wickedly.
O Lord, according to all thy righteousness,
I beseech Thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned
away
From thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain :
Because for our sins,
And for the iniquities of our fathers,
Jerusalem and thy people
Are become a reproach to all that are about us.
Now, therefore, O our God,
Hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications,
And, for the Lord's sake, cause thy face to shine
Upon the sanctuary that is desolate.
O my God, incline thine ear, and hear ;
Open thine eyes, and behold our desolations,
And the city which is called by thy name :
For we do not present our supplications before Thee

For our righteousness, but for thy great mercies.
 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive;
 O Lord, hearken and do;
 Defer not, for thine own sake, O my God:
 For thy city and thy people are called by thy name.
M. *Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts;
P. Cause thy face to shine,
All. And we shall be saved.
M. †Turn us, O God of our salvation,
 And cause thine anger toward us to cease.
C. Wilt Thou be angry with us for ever?
 Wilt Thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
P. Wilt Thou not revive us again:
 That thy people may rejoice in Thee?
All. Show us thy mercy, O Lord,
 And grant us thy salvation.

Amen.

X. WISDOM.

M. ‡Surely there is a vein for the silver,
P. And a place for gold where they fine it.
M. Iron is taken out of the earth,
C. And brass is molten out of the stone.
All. He setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out all perfection:
 The stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.
M. The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant;
P. Even the waters forgotten of the foot:
C. They are dried up, they are gone away from men.
M. As for the earth, out of it cometh bread;

* Psalm lxxx. 19. † Psalm lxxxv. 4—7. ‡ Job xxviii.

C. And under it is turned up as it were fire.
M. The stones of it are the place of sapphires :
C. And it hath dust of gold.
M. There is a path which no fowl knoweth,
P. And which the vulture's eye hath not seen :
C. The lion's whelps have not trodden it,
 Nor the fierce lion passed by it.
M. He putteth forth his hand upon the rock,
 He overturneth the mountains by the roots.
P. He cutteth out rivers among the rocks ;
 And his eye seeth every precious thing.
C. He bindeth the floods from overflowing ;
 And the thing that is hid bringeth He forth to
 light.
All. But where shall wisdom be found ?
 And where is the place of understanding ?
M. Man knoweth not the price thereof ;
 Neither is it found in the land of the living.
P. The depths saith, It is not in me ;
 And the sea saith, It is not with me.
C. It cannot be gotten for gold,
 Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
The gold and the crystal cannot equal it :
And the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine
 gold.
No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls ;
For the price of wisdom is above rubies.
The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it ;
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
All. Whence then cometh wisdom ?
 And where is the place of understanding ?
Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And kept close from the fowls of the air.

C. Destruction and death say,
We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.

M. God understandeth the way thereof,
And He knoweth the place thereof.
For He looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven ;
To make the weight for the winds ;
And He weigheth the waters by measure.

P. When He made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the lightning of the thunder :
Then did He see it and declare it ;

C. He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.

M. And unto man He said,

All. Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ;
And to depart from evil is understanding.

M. *Doth not wisdom cry ?
And understanding put forth her voice ?

P. She standeth in the top of high places,
By the way in the places of the paths.

C. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city,
At the coming in at the doors.

M. Unto you, O men, I call ;
And my voice is to the sons of man.

All. O ye simple, understand wisdom ;
And ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.

M. Hear, for I will speak of excellent things ;
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
For my mouth shall speak truth ;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
All the words of my mouth are in righteousness ;
There is nothing froward or perverse in them.

All. They are all plain to him that understandeth,
And right to them that find knowledge.

M. Receive my instruction, and not silver ;
And knowledge rather than choice gold.

All. For wisdom is better than rubies ;
And all the things that may be desired
Are not to be compared to it.
M. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge of witty inventions.
The fear of the Lord is to hate evil ;
Pride, and arrogance, and the evil way,
And the froward mouth, do I hate.
Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom :
I am understanding ; I have strength.
By me kings reign, and princes decree justice.
By me princes rule, and nobles,
Even all the judges of the earth.
I love them that love me ;
And those that seek me early shall find me.
Riches and honour are with me.

All. Yea, durable riches and righteousness.

M. My fruit is better than gold.

All. Yea, than fine gold ;

M. And my revenue than choice silver.

I lead in the way of righteousness,

All. In the midst of the paths of judgment :

M. That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance ;

And I will fill their treasures.

The Lord possessed me in the beginning of his way,

All. Before his works of old.

M. I was set up from everlasting,

All. From the beginning, or ever the earth was.

M. When there were no depths, I was brought forth ;

All. When there were no fountains abounding with water.

M. Before the mountains were settled,

Before the hills was I brought forth :

All. While as yet He had not made the earth,

Nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world,

M. When He prepared the heavens, I was there;
 When He set a compass upon the face of the depth:
 When He established the clouds above:
 When He strengthened the fountains of the deep:
 When He gave to the sea his decree,
 That the waters should not pass his commandment:
 When He appointed the foundations of the earth:
 Then I was by Him, as one brought up with Him;
 And I was daily his delight,
 Rejoicing always before Him;
 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth;
 And my delights were with the sons of men.
 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children;
 For blessed are they that keep my ways.

All. Hear instruction, and be wise,
 And refuse it not.

M. Blessed is the man that heareth me,
 Watching daily at my gates,
 Waiting at the posts of my doors.
 For whoso findeth me findeth life,
 And shall obtain favour of the Lord.
 But he that sinneth against me, wrongeth his own soul:
 All they that hate me, love death.

P. *Wisdom hath builded her house,
 She hath hewn out her seven pillars:
C. She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine;
 She hath also furnished her table.

P. She hath sent forth her maidens:
 She crieth upon the highest places of the city,
C. Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither;
 As for him that wanteth understanding, she saith,

M. Come, eat of my bread,
 And drink of the wine which I have mingled.
 Forsake the foolish, and live;

And go in the way of understanding.

All. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom :

And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.

M. †Get wisdom, get understanding : forget it not ;

Neither decline from the words of my mouth.

P. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee ;

Love her, and she shall keep thee.

All. Wisdom is the principal thing ;

Therefore get wisdom :

And with all thy getting, get understanding.

M. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee :

She shall bring thee to honour when thou dost embrace her.

P. She shall give to *thy* head an ornament of grace :

A crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.

M. Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings ;

And the years of thy life shall be many.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom ;

I have led thee in right paths.

When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened :

And when thou runnest, thou shall not stumble.

All. Take fast hold of instruction :

Let her not go : keep her ;

For she is thy life.

Amen.

XI. THE COMMANDMENTS.

All. †And God spake all these words, saying,

I am the Lord thy God,

Who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt,

* Prov. ix. 10.

+ Prov. iv. 5—13.

† Exod. xx. 1—17.

Out of the house of bondage.
Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,
Or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above,
Or that is in the earth beneath,
Or that is in the water under the earth :
Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them ;
For I the Lord thy God am a jealous God,
Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children
Unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate
Me ;
And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me
And keep my commandments.
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in
vain ;
For the Lord will not hold him guiltless
That taketh his name in vain.
Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy.
Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work ;
But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God :
In it thou shalt not do any work,
Thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,
Nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant,
Nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates ;
For in six days the Lord make heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that in them is,
And rested the seventh day :
Wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day,
And hallowed it.
Honour thy father and thy mother :
That thy days may be long upon the land
Which the Lord thy God giveth thee.
Thou shalt not kill.
Thou shalt not commit adultery.
Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.
 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house ;
 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife ;
 Nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant,
 Nor his ox, nor his ass,
 Nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

M. *Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart,
 And with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
 This is the first and great commandment.

P. And the second is like unto it,
 Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

C. On these two commandments
 Hang all the law and the prophets.

All. †For this is the love of God, that we keep his com-
 mandments :

And his commandments are not grievous.

M. ‡Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty :
 Open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

P. He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand :
 But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

C. The hand of the diligent shall bear rule ;
 But the slothful shall be under tribute.

M. §If thou lend money to any of my people that is poor
 by thee,

Thou shall not be to him as a usurer,
 Neither shalt thou lay upon him usury.

P. ||Take thou no usury of him or increase :
 But fear thy God ;
 That thy brother may live with thee.

C. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury,
 Nor lend him thy victuals for increase.

M. ¶Thou shall not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go
 astray,

* Matt. xxii. 37—40.

+ 1 John v. 8.

† Prov. xx. 13, x. 4, xii. 24.

‡ Exodus xxii. 25.

|| Lev. xxv. 36, 37.

¶ Deut. xxii. 1—5.

And hide thyself from them :

Thou shalt in any case bring them to thy brother again.

P. And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not,

Then thou shalt bring it unto thy own house,

And it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it,
And thou shalt restore it to him again.

C. In like manner shall thou do with his ass ;

And so shalt thou do with his raiment ;

And with all lost things of thy brother's,

Which he has lost, and thou hast found,

Shalt thou do likewise : thou mayst not hide thyself.

M. *Take heed and beware of covetousness ;

For a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

P. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth.

All. Look not every man on his own things ;

But every man also on the things of others.

M. †Rob not the poor, because he is poor ;

P. Neither oppress the afflicted in the gate.

All. He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker ;

But he that honoureth Him hath mercy on the poor.

M. ‡Thou shalt not wrest judgment ;

P. Thou shalt not respect persons,

C. Neither take a gift :

All. For a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise,

And pervert the words of the righteous.

M. §Neither shalt thou steal.

P. Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul.

All. That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter ;

* Luke xii. 15; 1 Cor. x. 24; Phil. ii. 4. † Prov. xxii. 22, xiv. 31.

‡ Deut. xvi. 19. § Deut. v. 19; Prov. xxix. 24; 1 Thess. iv. 6.

Because that the Lord is the avenger of all such,
As we also have forewarned you and testified.

M. *Neither murmur ye.

P. Do all things without murmurings and disputings.

All. Submit yourselves therefore to God.

M. †Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.

P. The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out
water :

Therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.

All. But if ye bite and devour one another,
Take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

M. ‡Fret not thyself because of evil men ;
Neither be thou envious at the wicked.

P. Let not thy heart envy sinners :

But be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

All. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory,
Provoking one another, envying one another.

M. §Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry :

P. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly.

All. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness
of God.

M. ||Say not, I will do to him as he hath done to me ;
I will render to the man according to his work.

P. Recompense to no man evil for evil.

All. See that none render evil for evil unto any man ;
But ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

M. ¶Be not proud.

P. When pride cometh, then cometh shame.

* 1 Cor. x. 10; Phil. ii. 14; Jas. iv. 7. † Prov. iii. 30, xvii. 14; Gal. v. 15.

‡ Prov. xxiv. 19, xxiii. 17; Gal. v. 26.

§ Eccles. vii. 9; Prov. xiv. 17; James i. 20.

|| Prov. xxiv. 29; Rom. xii. 17; 1 Thess. v. 15.

¶ Jer. xiii. 15; Prov. xi. 2; Jas. iv. 6.

All. God resisteth the proud,
But giveth grace unto the humble.

M. *Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgment, and do justice.

P. And as ye would that men should do to you,
Do ye also to them likewise.

All. Owe no man anything.

M. †Let brotherly love continue.

P. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves:

For charity shall cover the multitude of sins.

All. Let us not love in word, neither in tongue,
But in deed and in truth.

M. ‡Rejoice with them that do rejoice,

P. And weep with them that weep.

C. Remember them that are in bonds as bound with them;

And them which suffer adversity as being yourselves also in the body.

M. §If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat;
If he be thirsty, give him water to drink.

P. Love your enemies: do good to them that hate you.

All. Be not overcome of evil: but overcome evil with good.

M. ||If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him;
And if he repent, forgive him;

P. And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day;
And seven times in a day turn to thee again, saying,
I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

All. And be ye kind one to another,
Tender-hearted, forgiving one another,
Even as God, for Christ's sake, hath forgiven you.

* Isa. lvi. 1; Luke vi. 31. † Heb. xiii. 1; 1 Pet. iv. 8; 1 John iii. 8.

‡ Rom. xii. 15, 16. ‡ Prov. xxv. 21; Luke vi. 27; Rom. xii. 21.

|| Luke xvii. 3, 4: Ephes. iv. 32.

M. *Give a portion to seven, and also to eight :

For thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.

P. Sell that ye have and give alms ;

Provide yourselves bags which wax not old,

A treasure in the heavens that faileth not,

Where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

All. Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them :

Otherwise ye have no reward of your Father who is in heaven.

M. †Ye must be born again,

P. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.

All. Rend your hearts and not your garments,

And turn unto the Lord your God :

For He is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger, and of great kindness,

And repenteth Him of the evil.

M. ‡Ye shall be holy :

For I the Lord your God am holy,

P. And every one that hath this hope in Him,

Purifieth himself even as He is pure.

All. Be ye therefore merciful,

As your Father also is merciful.

Judge not, and ye shall not be judged :

Condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned :

Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven :

Give, and it shall be given unto you :

Good measure, pressed down, and shaken together,

And running over, shall men give into your bosom ;

For with the same measure that ye mete,

Withal it shall be measured to you again.

M. §For if our heart condemn us,

* Eccles. xi. 2 ; Luke xii. 43 ; Matt. vi. 1. † John iii. 7 ; Acts iii. 19 ; Joel ii. 13.
‡ Lev. xix. 2 ; 1 John iii. 3 ; Luke vi. 36—38. ¶ 1 John iii. 20 ; i. 8, 9 ; ii. 1, 2.

God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

P. If we say that we have no sin,

We deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C. If we confess our sins,

He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,

And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

All. And if any man sin,

We have an advocate with the Father,

Jesus Christ the Righteous :

And He is the propitiation for our sins :

And not for ours only,

But also for the sins of the whole world.

Amen !

XII. THE MESSIAH. (PART I.)

M. *I will put enmity between thee and the woman,

Between thy seed and her seed :

It shall bruise thy head,

And thou shalt bruise its heel.

C. †Salvation belongeth unto the Lord.

All. ‡Praise ye the Lord.

M. §And in thy seed all nations of the earth shall be blessed.

P. ||Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made.

C. He said not, And to seeds, as of many,

But as of one—to thy seed, which is Christ.

All. Praise ye the Lord.

M. ¶The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,

Nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come ;

* Genesis iii. 15.

† Psalm iii. 8.

‡ Psalm cxlvii. 1.

‡ Genesis xxii. 18.

|| Gal. iii. 16.

¶ Genesis xlix. 10.

And unto him shall the gathering of the people be

C. Salvation is of the Lord.

All. Praise ye the Lord.

M. *Oh that my words were now written !

Oh that they were printed in a book !

That they were graven with an iron pen,

And lead in the rock for ever !

For I know that my Redeemer liveth,

And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth :

And though after my skin worms destroy this body,

Yet in my flesh shall I see God,

Whom I shall see for myself,

And mine eyes shall behold, and not another ;

Though my reins be consumed within me.

P. †And He shall live,

And to Him shall be given of the gold of Sheba :

C. Prayer also shall be made for Him continually ;

All. And daily shall He be praised.

M. ‡If there be a messenger with Him, an interpreter,

One among a thousand, to shew unto man his uprightness,

Then He is gracious unto him, and saith,

Deliver him from going down into the pit :

I have found a ransom.

P. He will deliver his soul from going into the pit.

All. §As for our Redeemer, the Lord of Hosts is his name.

M. ||I shall see Him, but not now ;

I shall behold Him, but not nigh ;

There shall come a star out of Jacob,

And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel,

And shall smite the corners of Moab,

And destroy all the children of Sheth.

And Edom shall be a possession,

• Job xix. 23—27.

† Psalm lxxii. 15.

‡ Job xxxiii. 23, 24, 28.

‡ Isaiah xlvi. 4.

|| Numbers xxiv. 17—19.

Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies ;
 And Israel shall do valiantly.
 Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have dominion,
 And shall destroy him that remaineth of the city.

P. *We have seen his star in the east,

C. And are come to worship Him.

All. Praise ye the Lord.

M. †I will raise up a prophet

From among their brethren like unto thee,
 And will put my words in his mouth,
 And He shall speak unto them
 All that I shall command Him.
 And it shall come to pass,
 That whosoever will not hearken unto my words
 Which He shall speak in my name,
 I will require it of him.

P. ‡ For Moses truly said unto the fathers,

A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you,
 Of your brethren, like unto me :
 Him shall ye hear in all things,
 Whatsoever He shall say unto you.
 And it shall come to pass,

That every soul which will not hear that prophet,
 Shall be destroyed from among the people.

All. Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel,

And those that follow after, as many as have spoken,
 Have likewise foretold of these days.

M. §David the son of Jesse said,

And the man who was raised up on high,
 The Anointed of the God of Jacob,
 And the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

P. The Spirit of the Lord spake by me,
 And his word was in my tongue.

C. The God of Israel said,

* Matt. ii. 2. † Deut. xviii. 18, 19. ‡ Acts iii. 22—24. § 2 Sam. xxiii. 1—7.

The Rock of Israel spake to me,

M. He that ruleth over men must be just,
Ruling in the fear of God.

And He shall be as the light of the morning,
When the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds ;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth,
By clear shining after rain.

Although my house be not so with God :
Yet He hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure :
For this is all my salvation and all my desire,
Although He make it not to grow.

But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns
thrust away.

Because they cannot be taken with hands ;
But the man that shall touch them
Must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear ;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same
place.

P. *Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever.

C. A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

All. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity ;
Therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed Thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

M. †I will declare the decree :
The Lord hath said unto me,
Thou art my Son :
This day have I begotten Thee.
Ask of me,
And I shall give Thee the heathen for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ;

* Heb. i. 8, 9.

† Psalm ii. 7-9.

Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

P. *For unto which of the angels said He at any time,
Thou art my son :

This day have I begotten thee ?

C. And again, I will be to him a Father,

And he shall be to me a son :

All. Let all the angels of God worship Him.

M. †I have set the Lord always before me ;

Because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth ;

My flesh also shall rest in hope.

For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell :

Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou wilt shew me the path of life :

In thy presence is fulness of joy :

At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

P. ‡David, after he had served his own generation
By the will of God, fell on sleep,

And was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption.

C. But He whom God raised again
Saw no corruption.

All. §This Jesus hath God raised up,
Whereof we all are witnesses.

M. ||Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire :

Mine ears hast Thou opened :

Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast Thou not required.

Then said I, Lo, I come !

(In the volume of the Book it is written of me)

I delight to do thy will, O my God ;

Yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation :
Lo, I have not refrained my lips,

• Hebrews i. 5, 6.

+ Psalm xvi. 8—11.

‡ Acts xiii. 36, 27.

† Acts ii. 32.

|| Psalm xl. 6—10.

O Lord, Thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart :
 I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation :
 I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy
 truth from the great congregation.

P. *Above when He said,

Sacrifice and offering, and burnt-offerings,
 And offerings for sin thou wouldest not,
 Neither hadst pleasure therein ;
 Which are offered by the law.

C. Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.

All. He taketh away the first,

That He may establish the second.

By the which will we are sanctified

Through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once
 for all.

M. Praise the Lord.

P. Praise ye the Lord.

C. Praise ye the Lord.

All. †Amen. Alleluia.

XIII. THE MESSIAH. (PART II.)

M. †My heart is inditing a good matter :

P. I speak of the things which I have made touching the
 king.

C. My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

M. Thou art fairer than the children of men :

Grace is poured into thy lips :

Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh,

O Most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.

• Hebrews x. 8—10.

+ Rev. xix. 4.

‡ Psalm xiv. 1—7.

And in thy majesty ride prosperously ;
Because of truth, and meekness, and righteousness :
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
Thine arrows are sharp
In the heart of the king's enemies :
Whereby the people fall under thee.
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever :
The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
Thou lovest righteousness and hatest iniquity :
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

P. *Thou hast ascended on high,

Thou hast led captivity captive.

C. Thou hast received gifts for men.

Even for the rebellious also,

That the Lord God might dwell among them.

All. Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with
benefits,

Even the God of our salvation.

M. †Give the king thy judgments, O God,

And thy righteousness unto the king's son.

He shall judge thy people with righteousness

And thy poor with judgment.

The mountains shall bring peace to the people,

And the little hills by righteousness.

He shall judge the poor of the people,

He shall save the children of the needy,

And shall break in pieces the oppressor.

They shall fear Thee as long as the sun and moon
endure,

Throughout all generations.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass

As showers that water the earth.

In his days shall the righteous flourish ;

And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth
 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
 And from the river unto the ends of the earth.

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before Him ;
 And his enemies shall lick the dust.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring
 presents :

The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.

Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him :

All nations shall serve Him.

P. *Kings shall see and arise,

C. Princes also shall worship,

All. Because of the Lord that is faithful.

M. †Of old hast Thou laid the foundations of the earth :

And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure :

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment :

As a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be
 changed,

But Thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

All. ‡Jesus Christ the same yesterday, to-day, and for
 ever.

M. §The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent,

Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedek.

P. ||If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priest-
 hood

(For under it the people received the law),

What further need was there

That another priest should rise after the order of Mel-
 chisedek,

And not be called after the order of Aaron ?

C. For the priesthood being changed,

There is made of necessity a change also of the law.

* Isaiah xlix. 7. † Psalm cii. 25—27. ‡ Hebrews xiii. 8. § Psalm cx. 4.

|| Hebrews vii. 11—16.

P. For He of whom these things are spoken,
 Pertaineth to another tribe,
 Of which no man gave attendance at the altar.
C. For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of
 Juda;
 Of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priest-
 hood.

All. And it is yet far more evident:
 For that after the similitude of Melchisedek,
 There ariseth another Priest, who is made
 Not after the law of a carnal commandment,
 But after the power of an endless life.

M. *Now the Lord had prepared
 A great fish to swallow up Jonah.
 And Jonah was in the belly of the fish
 Three days and three nights.

P. †This is an evil generation: they seek a sign;
 And there shall no sign be given it,
 But the sign of Jonas the prophet.

C. For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites,
 So shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

All. ‡For as Jonas was three days and three nights
 In the whale's belly, so shall the Son of man be
 Three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

M. §In that day will I raise up
 The tabernacle of David that is fallen,
 And close up the breaches thereof:
 And I will raise up his ruins,
 And I will build it as in the days of old:
 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,
 And of all the heathen, who are called by my name,
 Saith the Lord that doeth this.

P. ||Simeon hath declared

* Jonah i. 17. † Luke xi. 29, 30. ‡ Matt. xii. 40. § Amos ix. 11, 12.
 || Acts xv. 14—18.

How God at the first did visit the Gentiles,
To take out of them a people for his name.

C. And to this agree the words of the prophets ; as it is written,

After this I will return, and will build again
The tabernacle of David which is fallen down,
And I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set
it up ;

That the residue of men might seek after the Lord,
And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,
Saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

All. Known unto God are all his works
From the beginning of the world.

M. *O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself,

But in Me is thy help.

I will be thy king :

Where is any other that may save thee, in all thy cities ?
And thy judges, of whom thou saidst,

Give me a king and princes ?

I gave thee a king in my anger,

And took him away in my wrath.

The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up ;

His sin is hid.

The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him :

He is an unwise son ; for he should not stay long

In the place of the breaking forth of children.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave :

I will redeem them from death.

O death, I will be thy plagues ;

O grave, I will be thy destruction :

Repentance shall be hid from my eyes.

P. †Death is swallowed up in victory.

C. O death, where is thy sting ?

O grave, where is thy victory ?

All. The sting of death is sin ;
 And the strength of sin is the law.
 But thanks be to God,
 Who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus
 Christ.

XIV. THE MESSIAH. (PART III.)

M. *In the year that king Uzziah died,
 I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne,
 High and lifted up, and his train filled the Temple.

C. Above it stood the seraphim :
 Each one had six wings ;
 With twain he covered his face,
 And with twain he covered his feet,
 And with twain he did fly.

P. And one cried unto another, and said,

All. Holy ! holy ! holy ! is the Lord of Hosts :
 The whole earth is full of his glory.

C. And the posts of the door moved
 At the voice of him that cried,
 And the house was filled with smoke.

M. Then said I, Woe is me ! for I am undone !
 Because I am a man of unclean lips,
 And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips ;
 For mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.

All. †These things said Esaias
 When he saw his glory, and spake of Him.

M. ‡Moreover the Lord spake again unto Ahaz, saying,
 Ask thee a sign of the Lord thy God ;
 Ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

* Isaiah vi. 1—5. † John xii. 41. ‡ Isaiah vii. 10—16.

P. But Ahaz said, I will not ask,
Neither will I tempt the Lord.

M. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David;
Is it a small thing for you to weary men,
But will ye weary my God also?
Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign :
Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son,
And shall call his name Immanuel.
Butter and honey shall He eat,
That He may know to refuse the evil, and choose the
good.
For before the child shall know
To refuse the evil and choose the good,
The land that thou abhorrest
Shall be forsaken of both her kings.

P. *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise :
When, as his mother was espoused to Joseph,
Before they came together,
She was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

C. Now all this was done,
That it might be fulfilled which was spoken
By the prophet of the Lord, saying,
All. Behold a virgin shall be with child,
And shall bring forth a son,
And they shall call his name Emmanuel,
Which being interpreted is, God with us.

M. †Sanctify the Lord of Hosts Himself :
And let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.
And He shall be for a sanctuary ;
But for a stone of stumbling
And a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel,
For a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And many among them shall stumble and fall,
And be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

* Matt. i. 18, 22, 23. † Isaiah viii. 13—15.

P. *Behold, this child is set
 For the fall and rising again of many in Israel.

All. †And a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence,
 Even to them who stumble at the word, being dis-
 obedient;
 Whereunto also they were appointed.

M. ‡For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ;
 And the government shall be upon his shoulders :
 And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
 The Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince
 of Peace.
 Of the increase of his government and peace there
 shall be no end ;
 Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
 To order it and to establish it with judgment
 And with justice from henceforth even for ever,
 The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this.

P. §He shall be great,
 And shall be called the Son of the Highest.

C. And the Lord God shall give unto Him
 The throne of his father David.

All. And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever ;
 And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

M. ||And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of
 Jesse,
 And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.
 And the spirit of the Lord shall be upon Him,
 The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
 The spirit of counsel and might,
 The spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord ;
 And shall make him of quick understanding in the
 fear of the Lord :
 He shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,

* Luke ii. 34. † 1 Peter ii. 8. ‡ Isaiah ix. 6, 7. § Luke i. 32, 33.
 || Isaiah xi. 1—10.

Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears ;
 But with righteousness shall He judge the poor,
 And reprove with equity for the meek of the earth :
 And He shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
 And with the breath of his lips shall He slay the wicked.
 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
 And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
 And the leopard shall lie down with the kid ;
 And the calf and the young lion and the fattling together :
 And a little child shall lead them.
 And the cow and the bear shall feed ;
 Their young ones shall lie down together :
 And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp,
 And the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.
 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain :
 For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord,
 As the waters cover the sea.
 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,
 Which shall stand for an ensign of the people ;
 To it shall the Gentiles seek ;
 And his rest shall be glorious,
P. *For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
C. Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people ;
All. A light to lighten the Gentiles,
 And the glory of thy people Israel.
M. †The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.
 Every valley shall be exalted,

* Luke ii. 30—32.

† Isaiah xl. 3—5.

Every mountain and hill shall be made low:
 And the crooked shall be made straight,
 And the rough places plain :
 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
 And all flesh shall see it together :
 For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

P. *In those days came John the Baptist,
 Preaching in the wilderness of Judea,
 And saying, Repent ye,
 For the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

C. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet
 Esaias, saying,

All. The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 Make his paths straight.

M. †O Zion, that bringest good tidings,
 Get thee up into the high mountain ;
 O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings,
 Lift up thy voice with strength : lift it up ; be not afraid :
 Say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God !
 Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand,
 And his arm shall rule for Him :
 Behold, his reward is with Him,
 And his work before Him.
 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd ;
 He shall gather the lambs with his arm,
 And carry them in his bosom,
 And shall gently lead those that are with young.

P. ‡The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep,

C. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd,

Whose own the sheep are not,
 Seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth ;
 And the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.
 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling,

* Matt. iii. 1—3.

+ Isaiah xl. 9—11.

‡ John x. 11—13.

And careth not for the sheep.
All. I am the Good Shepherd
 And know my sheep, and am known of mine.
 As the Father knoweth Me,
 Even so know I the Father:
 And I lay down my life for the sheep.
 Amen.

XV. THE MESSIAH. (PART IV.)

M. *Behold my servant, whom I uphold:
 My elect, in whom my soul delighteth:
 I have put my spirit upon Him:
 He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
 He shall not cry, nor lift up,
 Nor cause his voice to be heard in the streets.
 A bruised reed shall He not break,
 And the smoking flax shall He not quench:
 He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
 He shall not fail nor be discouraged,
 Till He have set judgment in the earth:
 And the isles shall wait for his law.
All. †This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased;
 Hear ye Him!
M. ‡Tell ye, and bring them near;
 Yea, let them take counsel together;
P. Who hath declared this from ancient time?
C. Who hath told it from that time?
M. Have not I, the Lord?
 And there is no God else beside Me:
 A just God and a Saviour: there is none beside Me.

* Isaiah xlii. 1—4.

† Matt. xvii. 5.

‡ Isaiah xlv. 21—95.

Look unto Me, and be ye saved,
 All the ends of the earth,
 For I am God, and there is none else.
 I have sworn by Myself,
 The word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness,
 And shall not return :
 That unto Me every knee shall bow,
 Every tongue shall swear.
 Surely, shall one say,
 In the Lord have I righteousness and strength :
 Even to Him shall men come :
 And all that are incensed against Him shall be ashamed.
 In the Lord shall all the seed of Israel
 Be justified, and shall glory.

P. *Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him,
 And given Him a name which is above every name.

C. That at the name of Jesus
 Every knee should bow ; of things in heaven,
 And things in earth, and things under the earth.

All. And that every tongue should confess
 That Jesus Christ is Lord,
 To the glory of God the Father.

P. †No flesh should glory in his presence.

C. But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus,

P. Who of God is made unto us wisdom,
 And righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

C. That, according as it is written,

All. He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

M. ‡He is despised and rejected of men ;

A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief :

And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him ;

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

Surely He hath borne our griefs,

And carried our sorrows :

Yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was wounded for our transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities ;
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him ;
And with his stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray ;
We have turned every one to his own way ;
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and He was afflicted,
Yet He opened not his mouth :
He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter ;
And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
So He openeth not his mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment :
And who shall declare his generation ?
For He was cut off out of the land of the living :
For the transgression of my people was He stricken.
And He made his grave with the wicked,
And with the rich in his death ;
Because He had done no violence,
Neither was any deceit in his mouth.

P. *He hath poured out his soul unto death.

C. †And being found in fashion as a man,
He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death,
Even the death of the cross.

P. †Ye were not redeemed by corruptible things, as silver
and gold,
From your vain conversation, received by tradition from
your fathers,

C. But with the precious blood of Christ,
As of a Lamb without blemish and without spot :

All. Who verily was foreordained
Before the foundation of the world,

But was manifest in these last times,
 For you, who by Him do believe in God
 That raised Him up from the dead,
 And gave Him glory ;
 That your faith and hope might be in God.

M. *Behold the Lamb of God !

P. †Behold the Lamb of God,
 That taketh away the sin of the world !

All. ‡Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
 To receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
 And strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

M. §The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
 Because the Lord hath anointed me
 To preach good tidings unto the meek :
 He hath sent me
 To bind up the broken-hearted,
 To proclaim liberty to the captives,
 And the opening of the prison to them that are bound ;
 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord,
 And the day of vengeance of our God :
 To comfort all that mourn ;
 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion,
 To give unto them beauty for ashes,
 The oil of joy for mourning ;
 The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ;
 That they might be called trees of righteousness,
 The planting of the Lord,
 That He might be glorified.

C. ||And He came to Nazareth, where He had been
 brought up ;
 And, as his custom was,
 He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath-day,
 And stood up to read.

• John i. 36.

† John i. 29.

‡ Rev. v. 12.

§ Isaiah lxii. 1—3.

|| Luke iv. 16—21.

P. And there was delivered unto Him
The book of the prophet Esaias.

C. And when He had opened the book,
He found the place where it was written,

P. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because He hath anointed me
To preach the Gospel to the poor ;
He hath sent me
To heal the broken-hearted,
To preach deliverance to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind ;
To set at liberty them that are bruised ;
To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

C. And He closed the book,
And He gave it again to the minister, and sat
down.

P. And the eyes of all them that were
In the synagogue were fastened on Him.

C. And He began to say unto them,
All. This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.

M. *Be strong, fear not ;
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,
Even God with a recompence ;
He will come and save you.
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
And the tongue of the dumb sing.

P. †Now when John had heard in the prison the works
of Christ,
He sent two of his disciples, and said unto Him,

C. Art Thou He that should come,
Or do we look for another ?

P. Jesus answered and said unto them,

Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear
and see :

The blind receive their sight,
And the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed,
And the deaf hear, the dead are raised up,
And the poor have the Gospel preached unto them ;

All. And blessed is he,

Whosoever shall not be offended in Me.

P. *If I do not the works of my Father,
Believe Me not.

C. But if I do, though ye believe not Me,
Believe the works ; that ye may know
And believe that the Father is in Me, and I in Him.

All. †No man can do these miracles
That Thou doest, except God be with him.
We have seen and believe.

XVI. THE MESSIAH. (PART V.)

M. ‡And it shall come to pass afterward,
That I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh ;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams,
Your young men shall see visions ;
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids
In those days will I pour out my Spirit.
And I will shew wonders in the heavens
And in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the great and terrible day of the Lord come.

* John x. 37, 38.

+ John iii. 2.

‡ Joel ii. 28—32.

And it shall come to pass,
 That whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord
 Shall be delivered :
 For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
 Shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said,
 And in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.

C. *But Peter, standing up with the eleven,
 Lifted up his voice, and said unto them,
P. Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem,
 Be this known unto you, and hearken to my words :
 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose,
 Seeing it is but the third hour of the day :
 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel ;
C. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith
 God,
 I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh ;
 And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 And your young men shall see visions,
 And your old men shall dream dreams ;
 And on my servants and on my handmaidens
 I will pour out in those days of my Spirit,
 And they shall prophesy :
 And I will shew wonders in the heaven above,
 And signs in the earth beneath ;
 Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke :
 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
 And the moon into blood,
 Before that great and notable day of the Lord come :
 And it shall come to pass,
 That whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord
 Shall be saved.

All. †This Jesus hath God raised up,
 Whereof we all are witnesses.
 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted,

* Acts ii. 14-21.

† Acts ii. 32, 36.

And having received of the Father the promise of the
Holy Ghost,

He hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.
Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly,
That God hath made this same Jesus,
Whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

C. *For there is no difference between the Jew and the
Greek ;

P. For the same Lord over all
Is rich unto all that call upon Him.

All. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord
Shall be saved.

M. †Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a
field,

And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
And the mountain of the house as the high places of the
forest.

But in the last days it shall come to pass,
That the mountain of the house of the Lord
Shall be established in the top of the mountains,
And it shall be exalted above the hills ;

And people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come and say,
Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
And to the house of the God of Jacob ;

And He will teach us of his ways,

And we will walk in his paths ;

For the law shall go forth of Zion,

And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And He shall judge among many people,

And rebuke strong nations afar off ;

And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,

And their spears into pruning hooks :

Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation,

* Rom. x. 12, 13.

+ Micah iii. 12 ; iv. 1—4.

Neither shall they learn war any more ;
 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under
 his fig-tree,

And none shall make them afraid ;
 For the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it.

P. *O Jerusalem ! Jerusalem !

Thou that killest the prophets,
 And stonest them that are sent unto thee,
 How often
 Would I have gathered thy children together,
 Even as a hen gathereth her chickens,
 But ye would not !
 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

All. †Verily I say unto you,
 There shall not be left here one stone upon another
 That shall not be thrown down.

C. ‡The hour cometh

When ye shall neither, in this mountain,
 Nor yet at Jerusalem,
 Worship the Father.

P. But the hour cometh, and now is,
 When the true worshippers shall worship
 The Father in spirit and in truth ;
 For the Father seeketh such to worship Him.

All. God is a Spirit,
 And they that worship Him
 Must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

P. §But Jerusalem which is above is free,
 Which is the mother of us all.

C. ||Ye are come unto Mount Zion,
 And unto the city of the living God,
 The heavenly Jerusalem,
 And to an innumerable company of angels,

* Matt. xxiii. 37, 38.

† Matt. xxiv. 2.

‡ John iv. 21, 23, 24.

§ Gal. iv. 26.

|| Heb. xii. 22, 24.

To the general assembly and church of the First-born,
 Who are written in heaven,
 And to God, the Judge of all,
 And to the spirits of just men made perfect,

All. And to Jesus,

The Mediator of the new covenant,
 And to the blood of sprinkling,
 That speaketh better things than that of Abel.

M. *They shall smite the Judge of Israel,
 With a rod upon the cheek.

But thou Bethlehem Ephratah,
 Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah,
 Yet out of thee shall He come forth to Me
 That is to be Ruler in Israel;
 Whose goings forth have been of old
 From everlasting.

P. †Where is He that is born King of the Jews?

C. In Bethlehem of Judea;
 For thus it is written by the prophet,
 And thou Bethlehem in the land of Juda,
 Art not the least among the princes of Juda;
 For out of thee shall come a Governor,
 That shall rule my people Israel.

All. ‡For unto you is born this day, in the city of David
 A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.

P. §And the men that held Jesus
 Mocked Him, and smote Him.

C. And when they had blindfolded Him,
 They struck Him on the face, and asked Him, saying,
 Prophesy, who is it that smote Thee?

All. And many other things

Blasphemously spake they against Him.

M. ||Who is a God like unto Thee,
 That pardoneth iniquity,

* Micah v. 1, 2.

† Matt. ii. 2, 5, 6.

‡ Luke ii. 11.

§ Luke xxii. 63—65.

|| Micah vii. 18—20.

And passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage ?

P. He retaineth not his anger for ever,
Because He delighteth in mercy.

M. He will turn again, He will have compassion upon us.

P. He will subdue our iniquities ;

C. And Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

All. Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob,
And the mercy to Abraham,
Which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

M. *Blessed be the Lord God of Israel ;

P. For He hath visited and redeemed his people.

All. And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of his servant David ;
As He spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,
Who have been since the world began :

M. That we should be saved from our enemies,

C. And from the hand of all that hate us ;

All. To perform the mercy promised to our fathers,
And to remember his holy covenant ;

The oath which He sware to our father Abraham,
That He would grant unto us,

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
Might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him,

All the days of our life. Amen.

XVII. THE MESSIAH. (PART VI.)

M. †Thus saith the Lord,
A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping ;

* Luke i. 68—75.

† Jer. xxxi. 15—17.

Rachel weeping for her children
Refused to be comforted for her children,
Because they were not.
Thus saith the Lord,
Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears;
For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord :
And they shall come again from the land of the enemy.
And there is hope in thy end, saith the Lord,
That thy children shall come again to their own border.

C. *Behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in
a dream, saying,

P. Arise, and take the young child and his mother,
And flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring
thee word :
For Herod will seek the young child to destroy Him.

C. Then Herod, when he saw
That he was mocked of the wise men,
Was exceeding wrath, and sent forth,
And slew all the children that were in Bethlehem,
And in all the coasts thereof,
From two years old and under,
According to the time which he had diligently enquired
of the wise men.

P. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken
By Jeremy the prophet, saying,

C. In Rama was there a voice heard,
Lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
And would not be comforted,
Because they are not.

P. But when Herod was dead,
Behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream
To Joseph in Egypt, saying,

C. Arise, and take the young child and his mother,

And go into the land of Israel :
 For they are dead who sought the young child's life.
All. And he arose and took the young child and his mother,

And came into the land of Israel.

M. *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
 That I will raise unto David a righteous Branch,
 And a King shall reign and prosper,
 And shall execute judgments and justice in the earth.
 In his days Judah shall be saved,
 And Israel shall dwell safely :
 And this is his name whereby he shall be called,
 The Lord our Righteousness.

All. †Jesus Christ, the Son of David.

C. ‡But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus,

P. Who of God is made unto us wisdom,
 And righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.

All. §Your life is hid with Christ in God.

M. ||Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
 That I will make a new covenant
 With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah :
 Not according to the covenant
 That I made with their fathers
 In the day that I took them by the hand
 To bring them out of the land of Egypt ;
 Which my covenant they brake,
 Although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord :
 But this shall be the covenant
 That I will make with the house of Israel ;
 After those days, saith the Lord,
 I will put my law in their inward parts,
 And write it in their hearts ;
 And will be their God, and they shall be my people,

* Jer. xxiii. 5, 6.

† Matt. i. 1.

‡ 1 Cor. i. 30.

¶ Col. iii. 3.

|| Jer. xxxi. 31—34.

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour,
And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:
For they shall all know Me,
From the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith
the Lord;
For I will forgive their iniquity,
And I will remember their sin no more.

C. *For if the first covenant had been faultless,
Then should no place have been sought for the second,

P. For finding fault with them, He saith,

C. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,

When I will make a new covenant
With the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah;
Not according to the covenant
That I made with their fathers
When I took them by the hand
To lead them out of the land of Egypt;
Because they continued not in my covenant,
And I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

For this is the covenant
That I will make with the house of Israel
After those days, saith the Lord:

I will put my laws into their mind,
And write them in their hearts;
And I will be to them a God,
And they shall be to Me a people:

And they shall not teach every man his neighbour,
And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:
For all shall know Me, from the least to the greatest.
For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness,
And theirsins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

P. In that He saith, A new covenant,
He hath made the first old.

All. Now that which decayeth and becometh old.

Is ready to vanish away.

P. *When He, the Spirit of Truth, is come,
He will guide you into all truth.

C. †Ye have an unction from the Holy One,
And ye know all things.

All. But the anointing which ye have received of Him,
Abideth in you,
And ye need not that any man teach you ;
But as the same anointing teacheth you of all things,
And is truth, and is no lie.
And even as it hath taught you,
Ye shall abide in Him.

C. ‡For by one offering He hath perfected
For ever them that are sanctified.

P. Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness :
For after that He had said before,
This is the covenant that I will make with them
After those days, saith the Lord,
I will put my laws in their hearts,
And in their minds will I write them :
And their sins and iniquities will I remember no
more.

Now where remission of these is,
There is no more offering for sin.

All. Having therefore, brethren, boldness
To enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
By a new and living way,
Which He hath consecrated for us
Through the veil, that is to say, his flesh ;
And having a High Priest over the house of God ;
Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of
faith,
Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience,
And our bodies washed with pure water.

* John xvi. 13. † 1 John ii. 20, 27. ‡ Heb. x. 14--25.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering
 (For He is faithful that promised) ;
 And let us consider one another,
 To provoke unto love and unto good works ;
 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together,
 As the manner of some is ;
 But exhorting one another ; and so much the more,
 As ye see the day approaching.

Amen and Amen.

XVIII. THE MESSIAH. (PART VII.)

M. *Thus saith the Lord God ;
 Remove the diadem, and take off the crown ;
 This shall not be the same :
 Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high.
 I will overturn, overturn, overturn,
 And it shall be no more until He come whose right it is ;
 And I will give it to Him.

P. †Thou art a priest for ever.

C. ‡Thou art the King of Israel.

All. Thou art the Son of God.

M. §Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto them ;
 Behold, I, even I, will judge
 Between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder,
 And pushed all the diseased with your horns,
 Till ye have scattered them abroad :
 Therefore will I save my flock,

* Ezekiel xxi. 26.

† Hebrews v. 6.

‡ John i. 49.

§ Ezekiel xxxiv. 20-28.

And they shall no more be a prey :
 And I will judge between cattle and cattle.
 And I will set up one Shepherd over them,
 And he shall feed them, even my servant David ;
 He shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
 And I the Lord will be their God,
 And my servant David a prince among them :
 I the Lord have spoken it.
 And I will make with them a covenant of peace,
 And will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land ;
 And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness,
 And sleep in the woods.
 And I will make them and the places
 Round about my hill a blessing ;
 And I will cause the shower to come down in its season ;
 There shall be showers of blessing.

P. *The Lord is my shepherd ;
C. I shall not want.
P. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures :
C. He leadeth me beside the still waters.
All. He restoreth my soul ;
 He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
 name's sake.

M. †I saw in the night visions, and, behold !
 One like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven,
 And came to the Ancient of days,
 And they brought him near before Him,
 And there was given Him dominion and glory,
 And a kingdom, that all people, nations,
 And languages should serve Him :
 His dominion is an everlasting dominion,
 Which shall not pass away,
 And his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

P. ‡And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever ;

* Psalm xxiii. 1—8.

+ Daniel vii. 13, 14.

‡ Luke i. 33.

C. And of his kingdom there shall be no end.

All. *Now unto Him that is able to do

Exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think,
According to the power that worketh in us,
Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus
Throughout all ages, world without end.

M. †Seventy weeks are determined

Upon thy people, and upon thy holy city,
To finish the transgression,
And to make an end of sins,
And to make reconciliation for iniquity,
And to bring in everlasting righteousness,
And to seal up the vision and prophecy,
And to anoint the most Holy.
Know therefore and understand,
That from the going forth of the commandment
To restore and to build Jerusalem
Unto the Messiah, the Prince,
Shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks :
The street shall be built again, and the wall,
Even in troublous times.

And after threescore and two weeks
Shall Messiah be cut off, but not for Himself :
And the people of the Prince that shall come,
Shall destroy the city and the sanctuary :
And the end thereof shall be with a flood,
And unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

And He shall confirm the covenant
With many for one week ;
And in the midst of the week
He shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease,
And for the overspreading of abominations
He shall make it desolate,

* Ephesians iii. 20, 21.

† Daniel ix. 24—27.

Even until the consummation,
 And that determined shall be poured upon the people.

P. *In whom we have redemption through his blood,
C. The forgiveness of sins,
 According to the riches of his grace.

P. Wherein He hath abounded towards us
 In all wisdom and prudence.

C. Having made known unto us
 The mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure,
 Which He hath purposed in Himself.

All. That in the dispensation of the fulness of times
 He might gather together in one all things in Christ,
 Both which are in heaven, and which are on earth ;
 Even in Him.

To the praise of the glory of his grace,
 Wherein He hath made us accepted in the Beloved.

M. †And at that time shall Michael stand up,
 The great prince who standeth for the children of thy
 people ;
 And there shall be a time of trouble,
 Such as never was since there was a nation
 Even to that same time :
 And at that time thy people shall be delivered,
 Every one that shall be found written in the book.
 And many of them that sleep
 In the dust of the earth shall awake,
 Some to everlasting life,
 And some to shame and everlasting contempt..
 And they that be wise
 Shall shine as the brightness of the firmament ;
 And they that turn many to righteousness
 As the stars for ever and ever.

P. †And there was war in heaven :
C. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon ;
 *Ephesians i. 7—10, 6. † Daniel xi. 1—3. † Rev. xii. 7—12.

P. And the dragon fought and his angels,
C. And prevailed not ;
P. Neither was their place found any more in heaven.
C. And the great dragon was cast out,
 That old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,
 Who deceiveth the whole world :
P. He was cast out into the earth,
 And his angels were cast out with him.
All. Now is come salvation, and strength,
 And the kingdom of our God, and the power of his
 Christ :
 For the accuser of our brethren is cast down,
 Who accused them before our God day and night.
 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
 And by the word of their testimony :
 And they loved not their lives unto the death.
 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens,
 And ye that dwell in them.
P. *For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven
 With a shout, with the voice of the archangel,
 And with the trump of God :
C. And the dead in Christ shall rise first :
P. Then we who are alive and remain
 Shall be caught up together with them in the clouds,
 To meet the Lord in the air :
All. And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Amen.

XIX. THE MESSIAH. (PART VIII.)

M. †For thus saith the Lord of Hosts :
 Yet once, it is a little while,

* 1 Thess. iv. 16, 17.

† Haggai ii. 6—9.

And I will shake the heavens, and the earth,
 And the sea, and the dry land ;
 And I will shake all nations,
 And the Desire of all nations shall come :
 And I will fill this house with glory,
 Saith the Lord of Hosts.
 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine,
 Saith the Lord of Hosts.
 The glory of this latter house
 Shall be greater than of the former,
 Saith the Lord of Hosts ;
 And in this place will I give peace,
 Saith the Lord of Hosts.

P. *And this word, Yet once more,
 Signifieth the removing of those things
 That are shaken, as of things that are made ;
C. That those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
All. Wherefore, we receiving a kingdom
 That cannot be shaken, let us have grace,
 Whereby we may serve God acceptably
 With reverence and godly fear ;
 For our God is a consuming fire.
P. †Behold, a greater than Jonas is here.
C. †Behold, a greater than Solomon is here.
All. §In this place is One greater than the Temple.
M. ||Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion :
 For, lo ! I come,
 And I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord.
 And many nations shall be joined to the Lord
 In that day, and shall be my people :
 And I will dwell in the midst of thee,
 And thou shalt know
 That the Lord of Hosts hath sent me unto thee.

* Hebrews xii. 27—29. + Matt. xii. 41. † Matt. xii. 42.
 † Matt. xii. 6. || Zech. ii. 10—13.

And the Lord shall inherit Judah
 His portion in the Holy Land,
 And shall choose Jerusalem again.
 Be silent, O all flesh, before the Lord ;
 For He is raised up out of his holy habitation.

P. *On the Gentiles also was poured out
 The gift of the Holy Ghost.

C. †Then hath God also to the Gentiles
 Granted repentance unto life.

All. ‡And God, who knoweth the hearts, bear them witness,
 Giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us ;
 And put no difference between us and them,
 Purifying their hearts by faith.
 For there is no difference between the Jew and the
 Greek :

For the same Lord over all
 Is rich unto all that call upon Him.

M. §Thus speaketh the Lord of Hosts, saying.
 Behold the man whose name is The Branch ;
 And He shall grow up out of his place,
 And He shall build the temple of the Lord,
 Even He shall build the temple of the Lord :
 And He shall bear the glory,
 And shall sit and rule upon his throne ;
 And He shall be a Priest upon his throne ;
 And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

P. ||Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
C. But fellow-citizens with the saints,

And of the household of God ;
P. And are built upon the foundation
 Of the apostles and prophets,

C. Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner-stone ;

All. In whom all the building, fitly framed together,

* Acts x. 45. † Acts xi. 18. ‡ Acts xv. 8, 9; Romans x. 12.
 ‡ Zech. vi. 12, 13. || Eph. ii. 19—22.

Growtheth unto a holy temple in the Lord :
 In whom ye also are builded together,
 For a habitation of God through the Spirit.

M. *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ;
 Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem :
 Behold ! thy King cometh unto thee :
 He is just and having salvation ;
 Lowly, and riding upon an ass,
 And upon a colt, the foal of an ass.

P. †And the disciples went,
 And did as Jesus commanded them,
 And brought the ass and the colt,
 And put on them their clothes ;
 And they set Him thereon.

C. And a very great multitude
 Spread their garments in the way :
 Others cut down branches from the trees,
 And strawed them in the way.

P. And the multitudes that went before,
 And that followed, cried, saying,
All. Hosanna to the Son of David !
 Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord !
 Hosanna in the highest.

M. ‡And I said unto them,
 If ye think good, give me my price ;
 And if not, forbear.
 So they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver.
 And the Lord said unto me,
 Cast it unto the potter :
 A goodly price that I was prized at of them.
 And I took the thirty pieces of silver,
 And cast them to the potter in the house of the Lord.

C. §Then Judas, who had betrayed Him,

* Zech. ix. 9.

† Matt. xxi. 6-9.

‡ Zech. xi. 12, 13.

§ Matt. xxvii. 3-8.

When he saw that He was condemned, repented himself,
And brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the
chief priests and elders,
Saying, I have sinned,
In that I have betrayed the innocent blood.

P. And they said, What is that to us?

See thou to that.

C. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple,
And departed, and went and hanged himself.

P. And the chief priests took the silver pieces,
And said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury,
Because it is the price of blood:

C. And they took counsel, and bought with them
The potter's field, to bury strangers in.

All. Wherefore that field was called,
The Field of Blood, unto this day.

M. *And they shall look upon Him whom they have
pierced:

And they shall mourn for Him,
As one mourneth for his only son,
And shall be in bitterness for Him,
As one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem;

As the mourning of Hadad-rimmon, in the valley of
Megiddon.

And the land shall mourn, every family apart:

The family of the house of David apart,
And their wives apart:

The family of the house of Nathan apart,
And their wives apart:

The family of the house of Levi apart,
And their wives apart:

The family of Shimei apart,

And their wives apart :
 All the families that remain,
 Every family apart, and their wives apart.

P. *Behold, He cometh with clouds ;
 And every eye shall see Him,
 And they also who pierced Him :
 And all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him.

C. Even so. Amen.

All. †For then shall be great tribulation,
 Such as was not from the beginning of the world
 To this time, no, nor ever shall be.

M. ‡Awake, O sword, against my Shepherd,
 And against the man that is my fellow,
 Saith the Lord of Hosts :
 Smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered ;
 And I will turn my hand upon the little ones.

All. §Then all the disciples forsook Him and fled.

M. ||Behold, I will send my messenger,
 And he shall prepare the way before Me :
 And the Lord, whom ye seek,
 Shall suddenly come to his temple,
 Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight
 in ;
 Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of Hosts.
 But unto you that fear my name
 Shall the Sun of Righteousness arise
 With healing in his wings :
 And ye shall go forth,
 And grow up as calves of the stall.
 And ye shall tread down the wicked ;
 For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet,
 In the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of Hosts.
 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet

* Rev. i. 7. † Matt. xxiv. 21. ‡ Zech. xiii. 7.
 § Matt. xxvi. 56. || Mal. iii. 1 ; iv. 2, 3, 5, 6.

Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord:

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,

And the heart of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

P. *For all the prophets and the law
Prophesied until John.

C. And, if ye will receive it,
This is Elias, who was to come.

All. He that hath ears to hear,
Let him hear.

†To Him give all the prophets witness.

Amen, and Amen.

XX. PRAYER.

M. †My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord :

 In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee,
 And will look up.

P. § And unto Thee have I cried, O Lord ;

 And in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.

All. ||O Lord, be gracious unto us ;

 We have waited for Thee :

 Be Thou our arm every morning,

 Our salvation also in the time of trouble.

M. ¶Take with you words, and turn unto the Lord :

 Say unto Him,

 Take away all iniquity and receive us graciously :
 So will we render the calves of our lips.

* Matt. xi. 13—15.

+ Acts x. 43.

‡ Psalm v. 8.

§ Psalm lxxxviii. 13.

|| Isaiah xxxiii. 2.

¶ Hosea xiv. 2.

P. *Teach us what we shall say unto Him ;
For we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

All. †Lord, teach us to pray.

M. ‡But when ye pray use not vain repetitions
As the heathen do ; for they think they shall be heard,
For their much speaking : be not ye therefore like unto
them ;
For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of
Before ye ask Him.

P. §O Lord, Thou hast searched me, and known me ;
Thou knowest my down-sitting and my up-rising,
Thou understandest my thoughts afar off.

C. Thou compassest my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O Lord, Thou knowest it altogether.

All. ||Let us keep our feet when we go to the house of
God,
And be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of
fools ;

For they consider not that they do evil.
Let us not be rash with our mouth,
Let not our heart be hasty to utter anything before
God :

For God is in heaven, and we upon the earth
Therefore let our words be few.

M. ¶O fear the Lord, ye his saints :
For there is no want to them that fear Him.

C. **No good thing will He withhold
From them that walk uprightly.

All. ††They that seek the Lord
Shall not want any good thing.

* Job xxxvii. 19. † Luke xi. 1. ‡ Matt. vi. 7, 8.
§ Psalm cxxxix. 1—4. || Eccles. v. 1, 2. ¶ Psalm xxxiv. 9.
** Psalm lxxxiv. 11. ++ Psalm xxxiv. 10.

M. *The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart,

And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

P. †The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit :

A broken and a contrite heart,

O God, Thou wilt not despise.

All. ‡For thus saith the high and lofty One

That inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy :

I dwell in the high and holy place,

With him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit,

To revive the spirit of the humble,

And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

M. §For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity,
For it is great.

P. ||Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness ;

According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies

Blot out my transgressions.

C. ¶Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions :

According to thy mercy remember thou me

For thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

All. **Hide thy face from our sins,

And blot out all our iniquities.

M. ††Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me :

Lord, be Thou my helper.

P. ‡‡O God, be not far from me :

O God, make haste for my help.

C. §§Forsake me not, O Lord :

O my God, be not far from me.

All. |||Make haste to help us, O Lord, our salvation.

* Psalm xxxiv. 18.

† Psalm li. 17.

‡ Isaiah lvii. 15.

§ Psalm xxv. 11.

|| Psalm li. 1.

¶ Psalm xxv. 7.

** Psalm li. 9.

†† Psalm xxx. 10.

‡‡ Psalm lxxi. 12.

§§ Psalm xxxviii. 21.

||| Psalm xxxviii. 22.

M. *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me :

Try my reins and my heart.

P. †How many are my iniquities and sins ?

Make me to know my transgression and my sin.

C. ‡Search me, O God, and know my heart :

Try me, and know my thoughts.

All. And see if there be any wicked way in us,

And lead us in the way everlasting.

M. §Teach me to do thy will, for Thou art my God :

Thy spirit is good, lead me into the land of uprightness.

P. ||Lead me in thy truth, and teach me ;

For Thou art the God of my salvation :

On Thee do I wait all the day.

All. ¶Thou art good, and doest good :

Teach us thy statutes.

M. **Hold up my goings in thy paths,

That my footsteps slip not.

P. ††Withhold not Thou thy tender mercies from me,

O Lord :

Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

C. ‡‡Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe :

And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

All. §§Our God hath commanded our strength ;

Strengthen, O God, that which Thou hast wrought for us.

M. |||Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ;

Save me for thy mercies' sake.

P. ¶¶Rejoice the soul of thy servant ;

For unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

C. ***Make thy face to shine upon thy servant :

And teach me thy statutes.

* Psalm xxvi. 2.

† Job xiii. 23.

‡ Psalm cxxxix. 23, 24.

§ Psalm cxliii. 10.

|| Psalm xxv. 5.

¶ Psalm cxix. 68.

* * Psalm xvii. 5.

†† Psalm xl. 11.

‡‡ Psalm cxix. 117.

‡‡ Psalm lxvii. 23.

||| Psalm xxxi. 16.

¶¶ Psalm lxxxvi. 4.

*** Psalm cxix. 185.

All. *Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts,
Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

M. †Save now, I beseech Thee, O Lord :
O Lord, I beseech Thee, send now prosperity.

P. ‡And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us :
And establish Thou the work of our hands upon us :
Yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

C. §O satisfy us early with thy mercy ;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

M. ||Arise, O Lord : O God, lift up thy hand :
Forget not the humble.

P. ¶O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know
Thee ;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

C. **Let all those that seek Thee, rejoice and be glad in
Thee.

Let such as love thy salvation continually say,
The Lord be magnified.

All. ††God be merciful unto us, and bless us :
And cause his face to shine upon us.

M. ‡‡The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble :
The name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

P. Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion.

M. Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt-sacrifice.

C. Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.

All. §§Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of
thy name ;

And deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's
sake.

Amen, and Amen.

* Psalm lxxx. 19.

† Psalm cxviii. 25.

‡ Psalm xc. 17.

† Psalm xo. 14.

|| Psalm x. 12.

¶ Psalm xxxvi. 10.

** Psalm xl. 16.

†† Psalm lxvii. 1.

‡‡ Psalm xx. 1—4.

|| Psalm lxxix. 9.

XXI. PRAYER.

M. *Seek the Lord and his strength ;
Seek his face continually.

P. †Seek the Lord and his strength ;
Seek his face evermore.

All. ‡Seek ye the Lord while He may be found,
Call ye upon Him while He is near.

M. §Let us lift up our heart with our hands
Unto God in the heavens.

P. ||As for me, I will call upon God,
And the Lord shall save me.

C. ¶I will cry unto God Most High ;
Unto God that performeth all things for me.

All. **When Thou saidst, Seek ye my face :
My heart said unto Thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

M. ††I cry unto Thee, and Thou dost not hear me ;
I stand up, and Thou regardest me not.

P. ‡‡My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me ?
Why art Thou so far from helping me,
And from the words of my roaring ?

C. O my God, I cry in the day-time, but Thou hearest not ;
And in the night-season, and am not silent.

All. §§O Lord God of Hosts, how long
Wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of thy people ?

M. |||Surely God will not hear vanity,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.

P. ¶¶¶If I regard iniquity in my heart,
The Lord will not hear me.

* 1 Chron. xvi. 11.

† Psalm cv. 4.

‡ Isaiah lv. 6.

† Lam. iii. 41.

|| Psalm lv. 16.

¶ Psalm lvii. 2.

** Psalm xxvii. 8.

†† Job xxx. 20.

‡‡ Psalm xxii. 1, 2.

¶¶ Psalm lxxx. 4.

||| Job xxxv. 13.

¶¶¶ Psalm lxvi. 18.

C. *Our iniquities have separated between us and our God ;
 And our sins have hid his face from us,
 That He will not hear.

All. †We ask and receive not, because we ask amiss,
 That we may consume it upon our lusts.

M. ‡Oh that one might plead for a man with God,
 As a man pleadeth for his neighbour !

P. §For He is not a man, as I am,
 That I should answer Him, and we should come together in judgment.

C. ||Is there any days-man betwixt us,
 That might lay his hand upon us both ?

All. ¶There is one Mediator between God and men,
 The Man Christ Jesus :

**And He is the propitiation for our sins ;
 And not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

M. ††Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name,
 He will give it you :

P. ‡‡And whatsoever we shall ask in his name,
 He will do it,
 That the Father may be glorified in the Son.

C. If we shall ask anything in his name,
 He will do it.

All. §§Seeing, then, that we have a Great High Priest
 That is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God,
 Let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not an High Priest who cannot
 Be touched with the feeling of our infirmities,
 But was in all points tempted like as we are,
 Yet without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace,

• Isaiah lix. 2.

† James iv. 8.

‡ Job xvi. 21.

‡ Job ix. 32.

|| Job ix. 33.

¶ 1 Tim. ii. 5.

** 1 John ii. 2.

†† John xvi. 28.

‡‡ John xiv. 13, 14.

§§ Heb. iv. 14—16.

That we may obtain mercy, and find grace
To help in time of need.

M. *And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer,
Believing, ye shall receive.

P. †If we abide in Him and his words abide in us,
We shall ask what we will, and it shall be done unto us.

C. ‡And when we stand praying, let us forgive,
If we have aught against any.

All. §Let us ask in faith, nothing wavering.

M. ||The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him,
To all that call upon Him in truth.

All. ¶They that worship Him
Must worship Him in spirit and in truth.

M. **Then shall ye call upon Me,
And ye shall go and pray unto Me,
And I will hearken unto you.

P. ††Ask, and it shall be given you ;
Seek, and ye shall find ;
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

C. For every one that asketh, receiveth ;
And he that seeketh, findeth ;
And to him that knocketh, it shall be opened.

All. ††For if ye, being evil, know how
To give good gifts unto your children,
How much more shall your Father, who is in heaven,
Give good things to them that ask Him ?

M. §§Be careful for nothing ; but in everything
By prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving,
Let your requests be made known unto God.

P. |||Let us continue in prayer,
And watch in the same with thanksgiving.

All. ¶¶¶Let us pray without ceasing.

* Matt. xxi. 22. † John xv. 7. ‡ Mark xi. 25. ¶ James i. 6.
|| Psalm cxlv. 18. ¶ John iv. 24. ** Jer. xxix. 12. †† Luke xi. 9, 10.
‡‡ Matt. vii. 11. §§ Phil. iv. 6. ¶¶ Col. iv. 2. ¶¶¶ 1 Thess. v. 17.

M. *Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed :
He will hear him from his holy heaven,
With the saving strength of his right hand.

P. †It is good for me to draw near to God.
I have put my trust in the Lord God,
That I may declare all his works.

C. ‡As for me, my prayer is unto Thee, O Lord, in an
acceptable time.
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, hear me ;
In the truth of thy salvation.

M. §In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried
unto my God :
He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry came before Him, even into his ears.

P. ||I called upon the Lord in distress :
The Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

C. ¶When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the
Lord ;
And my prayer came in unto Him in his holy temple.

M. **The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth,
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.

All. ††I waited patiently for the Lord ;
And He inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

M. ‡‡My voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord ;
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto Thee,
And will look up.

P. §§Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray,
And cry aloud ; and He shall hear my voice.

C. |||Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning :
For in Thee do I trust.
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk ;
For I lift up my soul unto Thee.

• Psalm xx. 6. † Psalm lxxiii. 28. ‡ Psalm lxxix. 16. § Psalm xviii. 6.
¶ Psalm cxviii. 5. ¶ Jonah ii. 7. ** Psalm xxxiv. 17. †† Psalm xl. 1.
†† Psalm v. 3. §§ Psalm iv. 17. ||| Psalm cxliii. 8.

All. *Be merciful unto us, O Lord ;
For we cry unto Thee daily.

M. †Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness,
Because of my enemies.

Make thy way straight before my face.

P. ‡Lead me in thy truth, and teach me :
For Thou art the God of my salvation ;
On Thee do I wait all the day.

C. §Teach me thy way, O Lord,
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of mine enemies.

All. ||Show us thy ways, O Lord ;
Teach us thy paths.

Amen.

XXII. MAN'S INSIGNIFICANCE.

M. ¶Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
And meted out heaven with the span,
And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
And weighed the mountains in scales,
And the hills in a balance ?

P. Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord,
Or, being his counsellor, hath taught Him ?
With whom took He counsel,
And who instructed Him,
And taught Him in the path of judgment,
And taught Him knowledge,
And shewed to Him the way of understanding ?

* Psalm lxxxvi. 3.

† Psalm v. 8.

‡ Psalm xxv. 5.

¶ Psalm xxvii. 11.

|| Psalm xxv. 4.

¶ Isaiah xl. 12—18.

M. Behold, the nations are as a drop of the bucket,
And are counted as the small dust of the balance ;
Behold, He taketh up the isles as a very little thing.

C. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,
Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.

P. All nations before Him are as nothing ;
And they are counted to Him less than nothing, and
vanity.

All. To whom then will ye liken God ?

Or what likeness will ye compare unto Him ?

*Where wast thou when I laid the foundation of the
earth ?

Declare, if thou hast understanding.

Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest ?

Or who hath stretched the line upon it ?

Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened ?

Or who laid the corner-stone thereof ?

When the morning-stars sang together ;

And all the sons of God shouted for joy ?

Or who shut up the sea with doors,

When it brake forth, as if it had issued from the womb ?

When I made the cloud the garment thereof,

And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,

And brake up for it my decreed place,

And set bars, and doors, and said,

Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further ;

And here shall thy proud waves be stayed.

Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days,

And caused the day-spring to know his place ;

That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,

That the wicked might be shaken out of it ?

It is turned as clay to the seal,

And they stand as a garment.

And from the wicked their light is withholden,

And the high arm shall be broken.
Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea ?
Or hast thou walked in the search of the depth ?
Have the gates of death been opened unto thee ?
Or hast thou seen the doors of the Shadow of Death ?
Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth ?
Declare if thou knowest it all.
Where is the way where light dwelleth ?
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof,
That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
And that thou shouldest know the paths to the house
thereof ?
Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born ?
Or because the number of thy days is great ?
Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow ?
Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail ?
Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war ?
By what way is the light parted,
Which scattereth the east wind upon the earth ?
Who hath divided a water-course for the overflowing
of waters ?
Or a way for the lightning of the thunder ?
To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is ;
On the wilderness, wherein there is no man ;
To satisfy the desolate and waste ground ;
And to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth ?
Hath the rain a father ?
Or who hath begotten the drops of dew ?
Out of whose womb came the ice ?
And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath gendered it ?
The waters are hid as with a stone,
And the face of the deep is frozen.
Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades,
Or loose the bands of Orion ?

Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season ?
Or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons ?
Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven ?
Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth ?
Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That abundance of waters may cover thee ?
Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, Here we are ?
Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts ?
Or who hath given understanding to the heart ?
Who can number the clouds in wisdom ?
Or who can stay the bottles of heaven,
When the dust groweth into hardness,
And the clods cleave fast together ?
Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion ?
Or fill the appetite of the young lions
When they crouch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait ?
Who provideth for the raven his food ?
When his young ones cry unto God,
They wander for lack of meat.

M. *Behold, I am vile : what shall I answer Thee ?

P. I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

C. Once have I spoken ; but I will not answer ;
Yea, twice ; but I will proceed no further.

M. Gird up now thy loins like a man :
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto Me ;
Wilt thou disannul my judgment ?

Wilt thou condemn Me that thou mayst be righteous ?

All. Hast thou an arm like God ?

Or canst thou thunder with a voice like Him ?

M. Deck thyself now with majesty and excellence,
And array thyself with glory and beauty :
Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath :

And behold every one that is proud, and abase him.
 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low:
 And tread down the wicked in their place.
 Hide them in the dust together ;
 And bind their faces in secret.
 Then will I also confess unto thee
 That thine own right hand can save thee.

All. *Have ye not known ? Have ye not heard ?
 Hath it not been told you from the beginning ?
 Have ye not understood from the foundations of the
 earth ?

M. It is He that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,
 And the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers ;
 That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,
 And spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in :
 That bringeth the princes to nothing ;
 He maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

All. To whom then will ye liken Me ?
 Or shall I be equal ? saith the Holy One.

M. Lift up your eyes on high,
 And behold who hath created these things,
 That bringeth out their host by number :

P. He calleth them all by names,
 By the greatness of his might,
 For that He is strong in power ; not one faileth.

M. Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel,
 My way is hid from the Lord,
 And my judgment is passed over from my God ?

P. Hast thou not known ?
 C. Hast thou not heard,

All. That the everlasting God, the Lord,
 The Creator of the ends of the earth,
 Fainteth not, neither is weary ?

M. There is no searching of his understanding.

P. He giveth power to the faint :

C. And to them that have no might
He increaseth strength.

All. Even the youths shall faint and be weary,

And the young men shall utterly fall :

But they that wait upon the Lord

Shall renew their strength ;

M. They shall mount up with wings as eagles :

P. They shall run, and not be weary ;

C. And they shall walk, and not faint.

Amen.

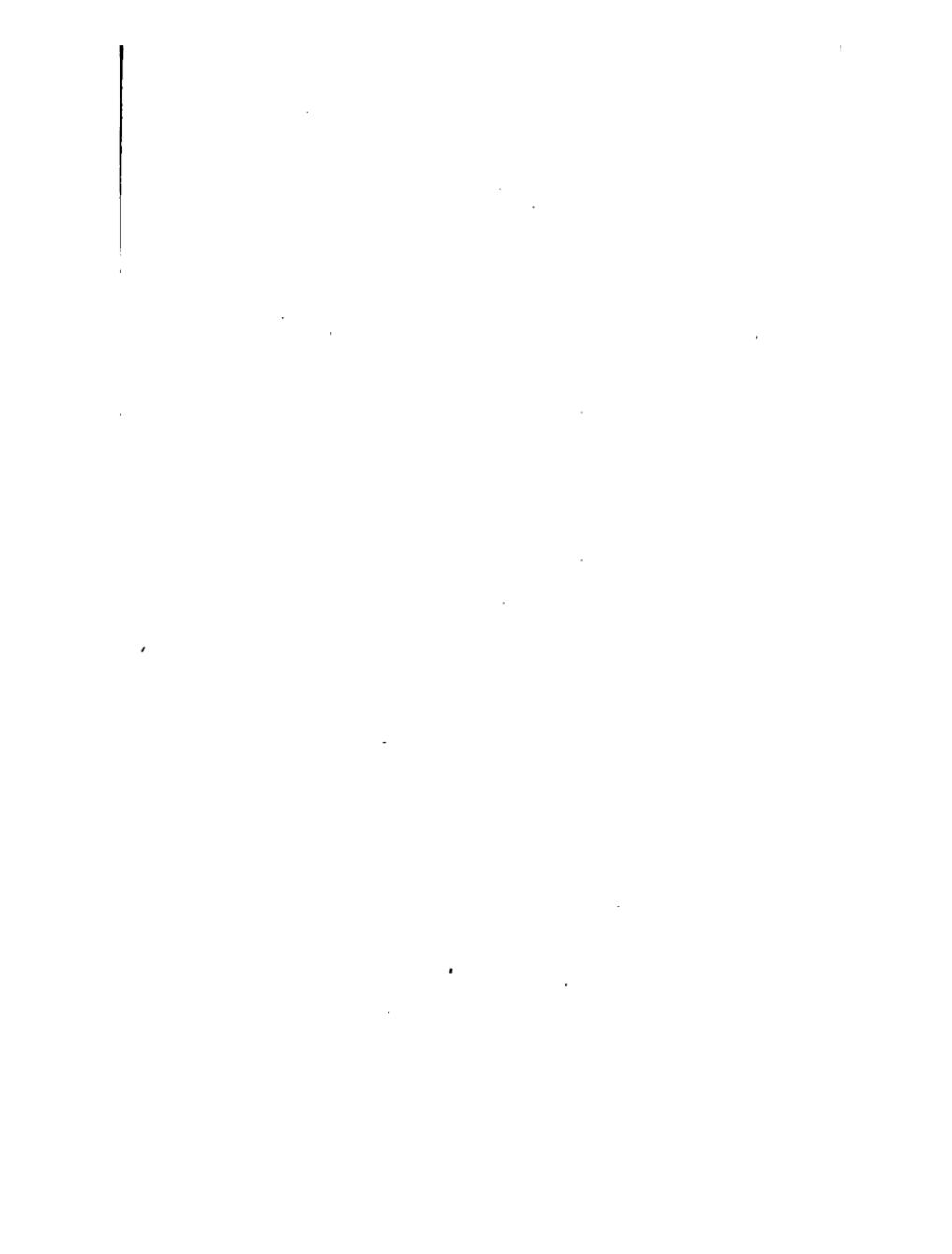
PART II.

RESPONSIVE SERVICES,

Adapted to this Work,

FROM EXTANT LITURGIES.*

* Any alteration from or addition to the text of any one is indicated by italics.



XXIII. EUCHARISTIC SERVICE.*

M. The Lord be with you all.

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Lift up your hearts.

P. We have lifted them up unto the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

P. It is right and meet.

All. We give Thee thanks, O Lord, through thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, whom in the last days Thou hast sent unto us, a Saviour and Redeemer, the Angel of thy counsel, the Word which is of Thee, through which Thou hast made all things by thy will. And Thou hast sent Him from heaven into the womb of the Virgin. He was made flesh, and was borne in her womb. And He was manifested thy Son by the Holy Ghost, that He might fulfil thy will; and that He might gather Thee a people by expanding his hands: He suffered that He might liberate the sufferers who confide in Thee. He was by his will given over to suffer death, that He might dissolve death and break the bonds of Satan, and that He might tread Hades under his feet, and bring forth the saints, and make evident the resurrection.

M. He, therefore, took the bread, and gave thanks, and said, Take, eat, this is my body which is broken for you. And likewise the cup, and said, This is my blood which is shed for you; do this as oft as ye shall do it in remembrance of Me.

All. Recollecting, therefore, his death and his resurrec-

* From the ancient Liturgy of the Alexandrian Church, as critically restored to the time of Polycarp, about A.D. 150, by Chevalier Bunsen. (Hippolytus, v. 4, p. 161 and 240.)

tion, we offer to Thee this bread and this cup, giving thanks to Thee that Thou hast made us worthy to stand before Thee and perform the office of priests to Thee ; and we supplicate and pray Thee that Thou mayest send thy Holy Spirit upon the offerings of this church, and likewise that Thou mayest give holiness to all those who partake of them ; that they may be filled with the Holy Ghost, that their faith may be confirmed in truth, that they may praise and magnify Thee in thy Son Jesus Christ, in whom be to Thee praise and power in the Holy Church, now and ever, and in ages of ages. Amen.

P. As it was, is, and shall be in generations of generations, and in ages of ages. Amen.

[*Let the Minister here offer extempore prayer.*.]

P. Let us look up.

M. Holy things for those who are holy.

P. One alone is holy, the Father.

One alone is holy, the Son.

One alone is holy, the Spirit.

M. The Lord be with you all.

P. And with thy spirit,

[*A Hymn of Thanksgiving to be sung, as Psalm xxxiv., xlii. cl.*]

All. Lord, Ruler of all, Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we render Thee thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to us to partake of thy holy mystery ; may it not be to us to judgment, nor to condemnation, but to the renewing of the soul, of the body, and of the mind : through thy only Son, in whom be to Thee praise and power in the Holy Church, now and ever, and in ages of ages. Amen.

M. The Lord be with you all.

[*Let the Minister again pray extempore.*]

P. Amen.

M. The Lord be with you all.

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Go home in peace.

P. Amen and Amen.

XXIV. THE LORD'S SUPPER.*

M. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God the Father,

And the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Lift up your hearts.

P. We have unto the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord.

P. It is right and just.

M. As it is truly right and just, becoming, and due to praise Thee, to laud Thee, to bless Thee, to glorify Thee, to give thanks to Thee, the Framer of the whole creation, visible and invisible, whom the heaven of heavens and all their power celebrate in hymns, the sun and moon, and the whole chorus of stars, earth, sea, and all things in them, the heavenly Jerusalem, the church of the first-born, whose names are written in the heavens, angels, archangels, thrones, lordships, principalities, dominions, and formidable powers; also the many-eyed cherubim, and the six-winged seraphim, which cover their faces with two wings, their feet with two, and fly with two—proclaim one to another with ceaseless voice and loud-sounding doxologies, the triumphant hymn of his glorious magnificence, singing distinctly, shouting, glorifying, crying, and saying,

* From the so-called Liturgy of St. James', or liturgy of Antioch, as critically restored by Chevalier Bunsen, to the order observed in the fourth century (Hippolytus, vol. iv., p. 333), translated from the Greek.

P. Holy ! holy ! holy ! O Lord God of Hosts ; heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

M. Holy art Thou, O King of ages, the Lord and Giver of all holiness. Holy also thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy moreover is thy Holy Spirit, who discovers all things, even the deep things of God. Holy art Thou, O Almighty, all-efficient, and good One. Thou hast sent thine only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into the world, that being come, He might renew and raise up thine image ; who having descended from heaven, and become incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and having lived amongst men, provided all things for the salvation of our race : and Himself, being sinless, about to suffer voluntarily the life-giving death of the cross for us sinners, in the night in which He was betrayed, or rather surrendered Himself for the life and salvation of the world, taking the bread in his holy, undefiled, blameless, and deathless hands, having looked up to heaven, having given thanks, sanctified and broken, He gave it, saying, This is my body broken for you, and given for the remission of sins.

P. Amen.

M. Likewise after supper, taking the cup, and looking up to heaven, He gave thanks, sanctified, blessed, and full of the Holy Ghost, gave it, saying, Drink ye all of it, this is my blood of the New Testament, shed for you and for many, and imparted for the remission of sins.

P. Amen.

M. This do in remembrance of Me. For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye announce the death of the Son of Man, and confess his resurrection until He come.

P. We announce, O Lord, thy death, and confess thy resurrection.

M. We, sinful creatures, then, remembering his life-

giving experiences, his saving cross, and death, and burial, and resurrection from the dead after three days, and his ascension into heaven, and his sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and his second glorious and terrible appearance, when He shall come in glory to judge the living and the dead, when He shall speedily give to each according to his works—offer to Thee, O Lord, *spiritual sacrifices*, entreating that Thou wilt deal with us not according to our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities, but according to thy gracious and unutterable love of man, disregard and blot out the hand-writing against us thy suppliants. For thy people and thy church we supplicate Thee.

P. Have mercy upon us, O Lord God, the Father Almighty : have mercy upon us.

M. Have mercy upon us, O God, and send upon us thy all-holy Spirit.

P. Amen.

Let the minister offer extempore prayer, at the conclusion of which the people to say :

P. Remit, forgive, and remove, O God, our transgressions, voluntary and involuntary, in word and deed, in knowledge or ignorance, by day and by night, in wish or purpose, remove all these Thou Beneficent and Philanthropic One.

M. Through the grace and compassion and love to man of thine only-begotten Son, with whom Thou art to be blessed and glorified, together with thy all-holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever throughout the ages.

P. Amen.

M. Peace be with you all.

P. And with thy spirit,

M. O God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who sittest upon the cherubim, and art glorified by the

seraphim, whom thousand thousand and myriad myriad hosts of holy angels and archangels approach, receive for a spiritually sweet-smelling savour our *religious sacrifices*, and condescend, Thou Beneficent One, to sanctify and perfect them through the grace of Christ, and the inspiration of thy all-holy Spirit. Sanctify, O Lord, our souls, and bodies, and spirits, and deem us worthy, O Philanthropic Lord, with uncondemnable boldness, in cleanness of heart, with contrite spirit, and face that needeth not to be ashamed, to venture to call Thee the Holy God in heaven, our Father, and to say

P. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

M. And lead us not into temptation, O Lord, the Lord of all might, who knowest our weakness, but deliver us from the wicked one. Because thine is the kingdom, and power, and glory of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, now and ever.

P. Amen.

M. Peace be with you all,

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Holy things for those who are holy;

P. One is holy; One is the Lord Jesus Christ, unto the glory of God the Father, unto whom be glory for ever and ever.

M. O God, the great and wondrous One, look upon thy servants. Stretch forth thy powerful hand, *so* full of blessings, and bless thy people. Preserve thine inheritance, that ever and continuously we may glorify Thee, the only living and true God, the holy Trinity of one essence, Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost, now and ever, unto ages of ages.

P. Amen.

XXV. COMMUNION SERVICE.*

M. Judge me, O God, and plead my cause
 Against an ungodly nation : O deliver me
 From the deceitful and unjust man.

P. For Thou art the God of my strength :
 Why dost Thou cast me off ?
 Why go I mourning
 Because of the oppression of the enemy ?

M. Send out thy light and thy truth :
 Let them lead me ; let them bring me
 Unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

P. Then will I go unto the altar of God,
 Unto God my exceeding joy.

M. Yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God, my
 God.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
 And why art thou disquieted within me ?

P. Hope in God : for I shall yet praise Him,
 Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
 And to the Holy Ghost ;

P. As it was in the beginning, is now,
 And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

M. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
P. Who made heaven and earth.

M. I confess to Almighty God, *our* Father, that *we*
 have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed
 through *our* fault, through our fault, *our* most grievous
 fault ; therefore we beseech Thee, Father, *to forgive*.

P. May Almighty God be merciful to *us*,
 And forgiving *our* sins, bring *us* to everlasting life.

* From the Missal, with many omissions.

M. May the Almighty and merciful Lord
Grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of sins.

P. Amen.

M. Thou, O God, being turned, wilt *quicken* us.

P. And thy people shall rejoice in Thee.

M. Shew us, O Lord, thy mercy ;

P. And grant us thy salvation.

M. O Lord, hear my prayer ;

P. And let my cry come to Thee..

M. The Lord be with you,

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Lord, have mercy upon us :

P. Christ, have mercy upon us.

All. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace and
good will to *men*. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we
adore Thee, we glorify Thee.. We give Thee thanks for
thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the
Father Almighty, O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten
Son : O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who
takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us..

Thou, who takest away the sins of the world, receive our
prayers. *Thou*, who sittest at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy.
Thou only art Lord ; Thou only art most high, O Jesus
Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of
God the Father.. Amen.

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord :

P. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

All. We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and
invisible ; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-be-
gotten Son of God, who for us men, and for our salvation,
came down from heaven, and was made man. He was
crucified also for us ; suffered under Pontius Pilate, and
was buried : and the third day He rose again according

to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father ; and He is *about* to come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead ; of whose kingdom there shall be no end. And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And one holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. *We* confess one baptism for the remission of sins. *And we* expect the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

M. I will wash my hands in innocency,
So will I compass thine altar, O Lord.

P. That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.

M. Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house,
And the place where thine honour dwelleth.

P. Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men :
In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.

M. But as for me I will walk in my integrity :
Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

P. My foot standeth in an even place :
In the congregations will I bless the Lord.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the holy Ghost :

P. As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be, world without end.

M. Lift up your hearts.

P. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

M. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God :
P. It is meet and just.

All. It is truly meet and just, right and salutary that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to Thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, through Christ.

our Lord; by whom the angels praise thy majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it; the heavens, the heavenly virtues, and blessed seraphim, with common jubilee, glorify it. Together with whom we beseech Thee that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying, Holy! holy! holy! Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

M. The peace of the Lord be always with you;

P. And with thy spirit.

Amen.

XXVI. GENERAL SERVICE.*

All. When the wicked man turneth away

From his wickedness which he hath committed,

And doeth that which is lawful and right,

He shall save his soul alive. (Ezek. xviii. 27.)

Rend your heart, and not your garments,

And turn unto the Lord your God:

For He is gracious and merciful,

Slow to anger, and of great kindness,

And repenteth Him of the evil. (Joel ii. 13.)

I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him,

Father, I have sinned against heaven and before thee,

And am no more worthy to be called thy son.

(Luke xv. 18, 19.)

Enter not into judgment with thy servants, O Lord;

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

(Psalm cxliii. 2.)

* Morning Prayer, Church of England.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation ;
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.
P. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
M. O God, make speed to save us.
P. O Lord, make haste to help us.
M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost ;
C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.
M. Praise ye the Lord.
C. The Lord's name be praised.
All. O come, let us sing unto the Lord :
Let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving ;
And shew ourselves glad in Him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God :
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth :
And the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and He made it ;
And his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down,
And kneel before the Lord our Maker :
For He is the Lord our God ;
And we are the people of his pasture,

And the sheep of his hand.
To-day, if ye will hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation,
And as in the day of temptation in the wilderness:
When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my works.
Forty years long was I grieved with this generation,
and said,

It is a people that do err in their hearts,
For they have not known my ways.
Unto whom I sware in my wrath,
That they should not enter into my rest.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;

C. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.

M. We praise Thee, O God ;
We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

P. All the earth doth worship Thee :
The Father everlasting.

M. To Thee all angels cry aloud :
The heavens, and all the powers therein.

C. To Thee cherubim and seraphim
Continually do cry,

All. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth,
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

M. The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.
P. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.

M. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
C. The holy church throughout all the world

Doth acknowledge Thee.

All. The Father of an infinite majesty :
Thine honourable, true, and only Son :

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

M. Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.

P. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
M. When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
 Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
P. When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
 In the glory of the Father.
All. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.
 We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants,
 Whom Thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
 Make them to be numbered with thy saints
 In glory everlasting.
M. O Lord, save thy people.
 And bless thy heritage.
 Govern them,
 And lift them up for ever.
P. Day by day we magnify Thee,
C. And we worship thy name ever world without end.
M. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without
 sin.
P. O Lord, have mercy upon us—have mercy upon us.
C. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,
 As our trust is in Thee.
All. O Lord, in Thee have *we* trusted:
 Let *us* never be confounded.
 We believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord:
 Who was conceived of the Holy Ghost;
 Born of the Virgin Mary;
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
 Was crucified, dead, and buried;
 He descended into Hades:
 The third day He rose again from the dead;
 He ascended into heaven,

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Ghost:

The holy Catholic Church;

The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting. Amen.

M. The Lord be with you.

P. And with thy spirit.

M. Lord, have mercy upon us.

C. Christ, have mercy upon us.

P. Lord, have mercy upon us.

M. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

P. And grant us thy salvation.

M. O Lord, save the Queen.

P. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

M. Endue thy ministers with righteousness.

P. And make thy chosen people joyful.

M. O Lord, save thy people.

P. And bless thine inheritance.

M. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

P. Because there is none other that fighteth for us,

But only Thou, O God.

M. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

P. And take not thy holy Spirit from us.

All. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

And the love of God,

And the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,

Be with us all. Amen.

XXVII. SUPPLICATIONS.*

All. O God the Father in heaven have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, the Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, have mercy upon us.

M. Remember not Lord our offences, nor those of our forefathers ;
Neither take Thou vengeance of our sins :
Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people,
Whom Thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood,
And be not angry with us for ever.

All. Spare us, good Lord,

M. From all evil and mischief ;
From sin, from the craft and assaults of the Devil ;
From thy wrath, and from everlasting damnation,

All. Good Lord deliver us.

M. From all blindness of heart ;
From pride, vain glory, and hypocrisy ;
From envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From fornication, and all other deadly sin ;
And from all the deceit of the world, the flesh, and the Devil,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From lightning and tempest ;
From plague, pestilence, and famine ;
From battle, riot, and murder,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion :
From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism :
From hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word
And commandment,

* From the Litany of the Church of England.

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. By the mystery of thy holy incarnation ;

By thy Holy nativity and circumcision ;

By thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. By thine agony and bloody sweat ;

By thy cross and *suffering* ;

By thy precious death and burial ;

By thy glorious resurrection and ascension ;

And by the coming of the Holy Ghost,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. In all time of our tribulation ;

In all time of our wealth ;

In the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

All. Good Lord, deliver us.

M. We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, O Lord God ;

And that it may please Thee to rule and govern

Thy Holy Church universal in the right way ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to keep and strengthen -

In the true worshipping of Thee,

In righteousness and holiness of life,

Thy servant Victoria, our most gracious Queen and

Governor ;

That it may please Thee to rule her heart

In thy faith, fear, and love,

And that she may evermore have affiance in Thee,

And ever seek thy honour and glory ;

Be her defender and keeper,

Giving her the victory over all her enemies ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to illuminate

All bishops, *ministers, pastors, or presbyters*,

With their deacons, or elders,

With true knowledge and understanding of thy Word ;

And that both by their preaching and living,

They may set it forth, and shew it accordingly ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to bless

All missionaries at home or abroad,

To comfort them in distress,

To strengthen and heal them in sickness,

To defend them in all jeopardy and persecution,

And to give them eminent success in their work ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to support

And encourage all Sabbath-school teachers,

And to increase their aptitude and power

For conveying instruction and truth ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to endue

The heads of colleges, divinity tutores,

And preceptors of youth generally,

With true, noble, and evangelical sentiments ;

With sober, honest, and godly habits ;

And with enlightened zeal for tuition,

And courage and perseverance in what is good and attractive ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to endue

The Lords of the council, and all the nobility,

With grace, wisdom, and understanding ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to bless

And keep the Magistrates, giving them grace

To execute justice, and to maintain order ;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to bless

And keep all the people,

Employers and employed, rich and poor,

Learned and unlearned, young and old,

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to give

To all nations, unity, peace, and concord,

Together with the blessings of thy gospel;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to give us

A heart to love and *reverence* Thee,

And diligently to live after thy commandments;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to give to all

Increase of grace to hear meekly thy Word,

To receive it with pure affection,

And to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to bring into the way

Of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to strengthen such as do stand;

To comfort and help the weak-hearted;

To raise up them that fall;

And finally, to beat down Satan under our feet;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to succour,

Help, and comfort, all that are in danger,

Necessity, and tribulation;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to preserve

All that travel by land or by water,

All *who experience the poignant sorrows of mother-hood,*

All sick persons and young children;

And to shew thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

M. That it may please Thee to defend

And provide for the fatherless children and widows,
And all that are desolate and oppressed ;
All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
M. That it may please Thee to have mercy upon all men ;
All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
M. That it may please Thee to forgive
Our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,
And to turn their hearts.
All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
M. That it may please Thee to give
And preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth,
So as in due time we may enjoy them ;
All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
M. That it may please Thee to give us true repentance ;
To forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances ;
And to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit,
To amend our lives according to thy holy Word ;
All. We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.
M. Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.
P. Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.
M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,
C. Grant us thy peace.
M. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world,
P. Have mercy upon us.
M. O Christ, hear us.
All. O Christ, hear us.
M. Lord, have mercy upon us.
All. Christ, have mercy upon us.

Amen.

XXVIII. PRAISE FOR THE DEATH OF CHRIST.*

M. The Lamb that was slain is worthy to receive might, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and praise, and blessing.

P. Amen.

M. Cast yourselves down, and bend your hearts before the Lord that redeemed us. Unto the Lamb that was slain, give glory !

P. Let us give thanks unto our Lord and Saviour.

M. Lord Jesus Christ ! Thou holy and spotless Son of God, that takest away the sin of the world, we heartily thank Thee for thy holy passion, and thy death, for thy sorrow and anguish of heart, for thy pains and wounds, for all that Thou didst endure in body and soul. Thou didst come into the world to save sinners ; the light shone into darkness, but the darkness comprehended it not. Thy people Israel, the seed of Abraham, rejected Thee ; the Scribes and Pharisees blasphemed Thee ; the Sadducees mocked Thee ; the High Priest and the Council unjustly condemned Thee, the Son of God ; the people that yesterday cried unto Thee, Hosannah, to-day cried out, Crucify Him. The heathen governor declared thine innocence, and yet delivered Thee over into the hands of the unrighteous. Thou wast dragged from judgment-seat to judgment-seat, scourged and beaten, a derision of the people. Thy disciples forsook Thee ; Judas betrayed Thee ; Peter denied Thee. Lo, the sins of the whole world conspired and rose up against Thee, and Thou didst bear them.

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P. For this we thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

M. Lord, Lord, merciful Saviour, and Son of man, Thou didst reward hatred with love, cruelty with compassion. Neither malice nor blindness, neither craft nor weakness, could make Thee swerve from fulfilling the purpose of thy grace. Thou didst willingly deliver up Thyself to scorn and reproach; and as a lamb led to the slaughter is dumb, so Thou openedst not thy mouth. Upon the disciple that denied Thee, Thou didst cast a look of sorrowful love; in the very moment when the multitude demanded thy crucifixion, Thou wast resolved to pour out thy blood for their redemption; and even at the cross, Thou didst open the gates of Paradise to the malefactor, and pray for thy murderers.

P. For this we thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

M. Lord, Lord, eternal only-begotten Son of God! Thou didst not look upon the sin of the world like one of us; Thou hadst no pleasure in our wickedness. Thou Eternal Son of the Father, didst not overlook or excuse the rebellion of our race against the Father, and against Thee, his anointed, but didst concur in the counsel of eternal justice, that upon sin the wrath and curse of God must rest! But, O Lord, in Thee, with eternal and inexorable justice, hath also appeared everlasting, unfathomable love. Thou didst take the curse of sin, which was due to us, upon Thyself. Thou didst endure the agony of soul which we should have endured. Thou didst tremble in Gethsemane before the strict justice of God, where we should have trembled. Surely Thou didst bear our griefs and carry our sorrows!

P. For this we thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

M. Lord Jesus Christ, Thou hast manifested all the might and eternal energy of love, and illustrated the glory of the Father upon the earth, when Thou didst, as our surety, give Thyself to the cross, and didst bear the

sins of all mankind in our stead! We thank Thee that Thou didst suffer Thyself to be bound, that we might be made free ; reviled, that we might come to honour. We thank Thee that Thou didst wear the crown of thorns, that we might receive the crown of righteousness. Thou didst suffer Thyself to be clothed with purple, that we might be arrayed in the white robe of salvation. Thou, the Prince of Life, didst bow thy head in death, that we, the bond-servants of death, might be raised to life in Thee. The penalty was laid on Thee, that we might have peace ; and through thy wounds we are healed !

P. For this we thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

M. Lord, our Saviour and Redeemer! The sin of the world, that brought Thee to the cross, also dwelleth in us. Behold, we acknowledge our unrighteousness, and do not cloak our sin before Thee. Of the flesh we have inherited corruption ; death has passed upon us because we all have sinned. The folly of the Jewish people, who esteemed not their salvation, dwelleth also in us ; we, too, seek not the things which are above, but those things which are upon the earth. The hatred of the high priests and scribes dwelleth also in us ; we, too, hate Him who speaketh to us the truth. The unbelief of the Sadducees dwelleth in us ; we, too, cling to the things we can see and handle, and despise the invisible truth. The unrighteousness of the heathen governor dwelleth in us ; we, too, inquire more after our pleasure and ease than after the will of thy Father. The covetousness which led the betrayer to his crime, has its root also in our hearts. The weakness of Peter is our weakness. Lord, how often have we denied Thee? O Lord, we confess, with deep shame, in all our sins we have sinned against Thee! Ours, even ours, is the sin which Thou didst bear. Even our sins brought Thee to the cross !

P. Have mercy upon us, Lord Jesus.

M. Eternal, compassionate High Priest, have mercy upon us! Forgive us our sins for the sake of thy death. Wash us thoroughly from all our uncleanness; let the remembrance of thy bitter sufferings be ever present to our souls, and let us never forget how much it cost Thee to redeem us. Let a glance at thy cross make us tremble at every sin! Let the blessed assurance that, through Thee, our sins are forgiven, kindle in our hearts the flame of love and thankfulness. O Lord, yet once more, we lift our hands to Thee, and bless Thee, Lord Jesus, for thy death. Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. Everlasting adoration and praise be unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, in unity of peace, livest and reignest triune God for evermore.

P. Amen.

XXIX. GOD'S GOODNESS.*

M. The Lord is good to all ;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
No good thing will He withhold
From them that walk uprightly.

P. O taste and see that the Lord is good :
Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him.

M. Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving ;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God :
Who covereth the heaven with clouds ;
Who prepareth rain for the earth ;
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
He giveth to the beast his food,

* From the Biblical Liturgy.

And to the young ravens which cry.
He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
Which run among the hills:
They give drink to every beast of the field:
The wild asses quench their thirst.
By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habi-
tation,
Which sing among the branches.
He watereth the hills from his chambers:
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle;
And herb for the service of man:
That he may bring forth food out of the earth..

P. O give thanks unto the Lord,
For He is good.

M. I will praise Thee;
For I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves..
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P. O give thanks unto the Lord;
For He is good.

M. Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits..
Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;
Who healeth all thy diseases;
Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender
mercies;
Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things,
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

P. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

M. When the fulness of time was come,

God sent forth his Son,
Made of a woman, made under the law,
To redeem them that were under the law,
That we might receive the adoption of sons.
Herein is love,

Not that we loved God, but that He loved us,
And sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

P. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

M. All things are yours ;
Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas,
Or the world, or life, or death,
Or things present, or things to come :
All are yours ;
And ye are Christ's, and Christ's is God's.

P. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.

M. Oh how great is thy goodness
Which Thou hast laid up for them that fear Thee ;
Which Thou hast wrought for them that trust in Thee
Before the sons of men.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who, according to his abundant mercy,
Hath begotten us again to a lively hope,
By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible,
And undefiled,
And that fadeth not away,
Reserved in heaven for you,
Who are kept by the power of God, through faith
Unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

P. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
From this time forth and for evermore :

M. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
From everlasting to everlasting :
And let all the people say, Amen.
Praise ye the Lord.

P. From the rising of the sun unto the going down of
the same,
The Lord's name is to be praised.

M. O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know
Thee ;
And thy righteousness to the upright in heart. .

P. O Lord, be gracious unto us ;
We have waited for Thee.

M. I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,
That ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
Holy, acceptable unto God,
Which is your reasonable service.

P. Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

M. Let us be glad and rejoice,
And give honour to Him.

All. The Lord is good to all ;
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him ;
To all that call upon Him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear Him :
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
The Lord preserveth all them that love Him :
But all the wicked will He destroy.

Thou openest thy hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help ;
Whose hope is in the Lord his God :
Who made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that
therein is :
Who keepeth truth for ever ;
Who executeth judgment for the oppressed ;

Who giveth food to the hungry.
The Lord looseth the prisoners ;
The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind ;
The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down ;
The Lord loveth the righteous ;
The Lord preserveth the strangers ;
He relieveth the fatherless and widow ;
But the way of the wicked He turneth upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever ;
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the Lord.
Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb, for ever and ever.

Amen.

XXX. THE HOLY SPIRIT.*

M. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.
And the earth was without form and void ;
And darkness was upon the face of the deep.
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.
The Spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.
By his Spirit He hath garnished the heavens,
His hands hath formed the crooked serpent.

P. Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created :
And Thou renewest the face of the earth.

M. There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit :
And there are differences of administration, but the same Lord :

And there are diversities of operations,
But it is the same God who worketh all in all.
But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
To every one to profit withal.
For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom ;
To another, the word of knowledge, by the same Spirit ;
To another, faith, by the same Spirit ;
To another, the gifts of healing, by the same Spirit ;
To another, the working of miracles ;
To another, prophecy ;
To another, discerning of spirits ;
To another, divers kinds of tongues ;
To another, the interpretation of tongues :

P. All these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit,
Dividing to every man severally as He will.

M. Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit,
He cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
Be not deceived ;
Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers,
Nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards,
Nor revilers, nor extortioners,
Shall inherit the kingdom of God.
And such were some of you :
But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified,
But ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus,
And by the Spirit of our God.

P. According to his mercy He saved us,
By the washing of regeneration,
And renewing of the Holy Ghost.

M. He that hath an ear, let him hear
What the Spirit saith unto the churches.

P. Our eyes wait upon the Lord our God.

M. And the Lord said,

My Spirit shall not always strive with man.

P. Cast me not away from thy presence;

And take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Grieve not the Holy Spirit of God.

Quench not the Spirit.

Walk in the Spirit,

And ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

Long-suffering, gentleness, goodness,

Faith, meekness, temperance;

Against such there is no law.

P. We, through the Spirit,

Wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

M. Come from the four winds, O breath,

And breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

P. O Lord God of Hosts,

Quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

M. If the Spirit of Him

That raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you,

He that raised up Christ from the dead

Shall also quicken your mortal bodies,

By his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

P. Quicken us, O Lord, for thy name's sake.

M. Now the God of hope

Fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

That ye may abound in hope,

Through the power of the Holy Ghost.

P. Amen.

M. Lord, be merciful unto me, heal my soul,

For I have sinned against Thee.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Quicken me, O Lord, for thy name's sake,

According to thy word,

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Open Thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. O Lord, my God, lighten my eyes,
Lest I sleep the sleep of death.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth
Continually preserve me.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Keep me as the apple of the eye,
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. I am a stranger in the earth,
Hide not thy commandments from me.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. Remember not the sins of my youth,
Nor my transgressions.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. In the day of temptation and adversity,
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. In the terrors of the shadow of death,
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. In the day of grief and of desperate sorrow,
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. In the time of old age, in the day of death,
Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

M. My witness is in heaven,
And my record is on high.

P. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

All. Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, for ever. Amen.

M. Now our Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
And God, even our Father, who hath loved us,
And hath given us everlasting consolation,
And good hope through grace, comfort your hearts,
And establish you in every good word and work.
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the communion of the Holy Ghost,
Be with you all.

P. Amen.

XXXI. PEACE.*

M. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
They shall prosper that love Thee.
Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
Because of the house of the Lord our God,
I will seek thy good.

P. Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.

M. Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity !
It is like the precious ointment upon the head,
That ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard :

That went down to the skirts of his garments ;
As the dew of Hermon,
And as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion :

For there the Lord commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

P. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on Thee.

M. Thus saith the Lord,
Thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel ;
O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments !
Then had thy peace been as a river,
And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea.

P. Great peace have they *who* love thy law.

M. These six things doth the Lord hate :
Yea, seven are an abomination unto Him :
A proud look, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood,
A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
Feet that be swift in running to mischief,
A false witness that speaketh lies,
And he that soweth discord among brethren.

P. Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with bloody men.
Peace on earth, good will to men.
Amen.

M. As many as walk according to this rule,
Peace be on them, and mercy,
And upon the Israel of God.
Peace be to the brethren,
And love with faith,
From God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

P. Amen.

M. The God of peace be with you all.

P. The God of peace make you perfect.

M. The Lord of peace Himself give you peace,
Always by all means.

P. The very God of peace sanctify you wholly.

M. The Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood!

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Every battle of the warrior is
With garments rolled in blood.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. A man that doeth violence to the blood of any
person
Shall flee to the pit.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Hatred stirreth up strifes,
But love covereth all things.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. It is an honour for a man to cease from strife;
But every fool will be meddling.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. A reward in the bosom pacifieth
Strong wrath.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Wisdom is better than weapons of war.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace,

M. He that is slow to wrath
Is of great understanding.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace,

M. Avenge not yourselves,
But rather give place unto wrath.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Vengeance is mine,
I will repay, saith the Lord.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. If ye forgive not men their trespasses,
Neither will your heavenly Father
Forgive your trespasses.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. In malice be ye children,
But in understanding be ye men.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

M. Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called the children of God.

P. Let us follow after the things
That make for peace.

All. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen.

M. Let us pray.

All. Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
And the glory, for ever. Amen.
M. Grace be unto you, and peace from Him,
Who is, and who was, and who is to come.
P. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.
Amen.

XXXII. THE ASPECTS OF DEATH.*

M. Man that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of trouble.
He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down :
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
All flesh is grass,
And all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the
field :
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth :
Because the Spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it :
Surely the people is grass.
The grass withereth, the flower fadeth :
But the word of our God shall stand for ever.
P. We all do fade as a leaf ;
And our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
M. There is no man that hath power
Over the spirit to retain the spirit ;
Neither hath he power in the day of death :
And there is no discharge in that war.

What man is he that liveth,
And shall not see death?
It is appointed unto men once to die,
But after this the judgment.

P. For we must needs die,
And are as water spilt on the ground,
Which cannot be gathered up again:
Neither doth God respect any person.

M. We are strangers before Thee,
And sojourners, as were all our fathers;
Our days on earth are as a shadow,
And there is none abiding.
When a few years are come,
Then I shall go the way whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and the shadow of
death:
A land of darkness as darkness itself;
And of the shadow of death, without any order;
And where the light is as darkness.
There the wicked cease from troubling;
And there the weary be at rest.
There the prisoners rest together;
They hear not the voice of the oppressor.

P. The small and great are there:
And the servant is free from his master.

M. Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased;
For when he dieth, he shall carry nothing away;
His glory shall not descend after him.
As he came forth of his mother's womb,
Naked shall he return, to go as he came,
And shall take nothing of his labour,
Which he may carry in his hand.

P. We brought nothing into this world,
And it is certain we can carry nothing out.

M. Man dieth and wasteth away,
 Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
 As the waters fail from the sea,
 And the flood decayeth, and drieth up,
 So man lieth down and riseth not :
 Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake,
 Nor be raised out of their sleep.

P. If a man die, shall he live again?

M. One generation passeth away,
 And another generation cometh ;
 But the earth abideth for ever.
 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
 So he that goeth down to the grave,
 Shall come up no more.
 He shall return no more to his house,
 Neither shall his place know him any more.

P. If a man die, shall he live again?

M. I know that my Redeemer liveth,
 And that He shall stand at the latter day
 Upon the earth :
 And though after my skin worms destroy this body,
 Yet in my flesh shall I see God.

P. Whom I shall see for myself,
 And mine eyes shall behold, and not another :
 Though my reins be consumed within me.

M. I am the resurrection and the life ;
 He that believeth in Me, though he were dead,
 Yet shall he live :
 And whosoever liveth, and believeth in Me,
 Shall never die.

P. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus
 Christ, who hath abolished death,
 And hath brought life and immortality
 To light through the Gospel.

M. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust,

Thy dead man shall live.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. Precious in the sight of the Lord

Is the death of his saints.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord :

M. They shall rest in their beds,

Each one walking in his uprightness.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. There shall be a resurrection of the dead.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. Though worms destroy this body,

Yet in my flesh shall I see God.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. He will swallow up death in victory.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. The Lord God will wipe away tears

From off all faces.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. I shall behold thy face in righteousness.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. I shall be satisfied when I awake

With thy likeness.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. For me to live is Christ,

And to die gain.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. Let me die the death of the righteous,

And let my last end be like his.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. O death ! where is thy sting ?

O grave ! where is thy victory ?

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. Thanks be to God who giveth us

The victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

M. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Who, according to his abundant mercy,
Hath begotten us again unto a lively hope,
By the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,
To an inheritance incorruptible,
And undefiled, and that fadeth not away,
Reserved of God in heaven for all them
That are kept by his mighty power.

P. To Him be glory both now and for ever.

All. Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power,
Be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb for ever and ever.

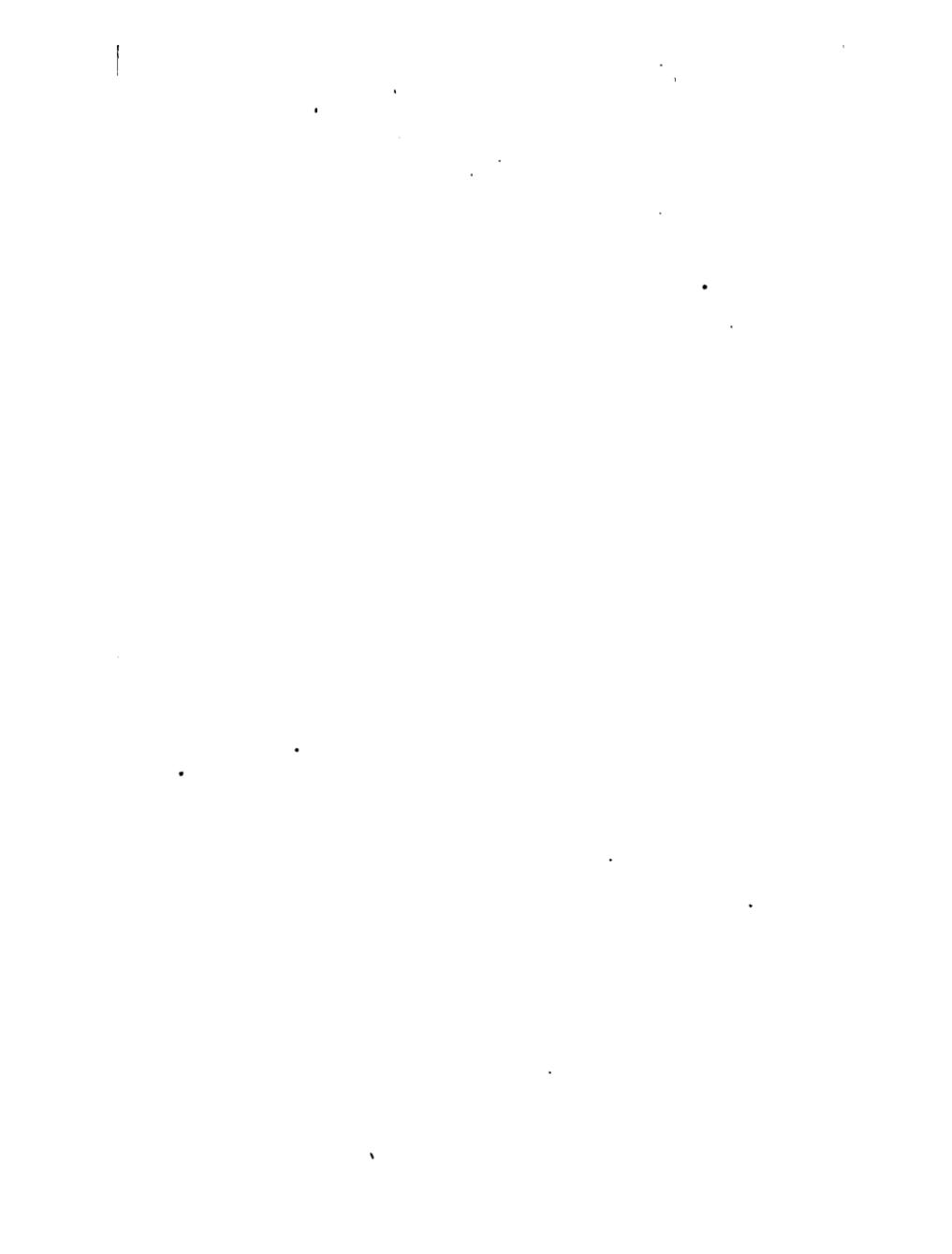
Amen.



PART III.

R E S P O N S I V E S E R V I C E S .

Composed expressly for this Work.



XXXIII. THE SABBATH.

M. Awake! awake! my soul awake!

P. Begin this sacred day with praise.

C. And all its hours employ in holy thought
And holy deed.

All. Awake! awake! my soul awake!

Begin this sacred day with praise,
And all its hours employ in holy thought
And holy deed.

M. Blessed be the everlasting God, the Great Creator!

Who, though fainting not, nor weary,
Did on the seventh day from his world-building cease,
To teach us mortals how and when to rest.

P. Blessed be the God of Israel—Jehovah!

Who to his redeemed from Egypt's scourge
Did grant Sabbath laws and peace.

C. Blessed be the Son of Man, the Sabbath's Lord!

Who, in his benign sojourn on earth,
Did teach the Sabbath to observe
In spirit, not in letter, and works of mercy
And necessity to do, as well as pray and praise.

All. Blessed be the everlasting God, the Great Creator!

Who, though fainting not, nor weary,
Did on the seventh day from his world-building cease,
To teach us when and how to rest.

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Who, in his benign sojourn on earth,
Did teach us the Sabbath to observe

In spirit, not in letter, and works of mercy
And necessity to do, as well as pray and praise.

M. For this day of rest my God I praise.

P. For this hallowed and unworldly scene

My soul doth praise Thee.

C. For thy Word, thy Message, and thy Gospel,

For instructions my young heart to save,

For thy most tender voice to me,

I sound aloud thy praise.

All. For this day of rest our God we praise.

For this hallowed and unworldly scene

Our souls do praise Thee.

For thy Word, thy Message, and thy Gospel,

For instruction our vile hearts to save,

For thy most tender voice to us,

We sound aloud thy praise.

M. O Lord, Thou makest our toil to cease,

Lest we should worldly be.

P. O Lord, Thou teachest us to care for our souls

As well as our bodies.

C. O Lord, Thou invitest us to spiritual enjoyments—

To pleasures exquisite and refreshing.

All. O Lord, Thou makest our toil to cease,

Lest we should worldly be.

O Lord, Thou teachest us to care for our souls

As well as our bodies.

O Lord, Thou invitest us to spiritual enjoyments—

To pleasures exquisite and refreshing.

M. Thou manifestest Thyself, O Lord, unto us,

As Thou dost not unto those who seek Thee not.

P. We behold thy goings, O God, our King,

In the sanctuary.

C. Oh, that the vision of Thee might fill my heart,

That I might never more forget Thee.

All. Thou manifestest Thyself, O Lord, unto us,

As Thou dost not unto those that seek Thee not.
We behold thy goings, O God, our King,
In the sanctuary.

Oh, that the vision of Thee might fill our hearts,
That we might never more forget Thee!

M. I know, O Lord, that Thou requirest work

As well as rest,

P. Self-sacrifice as well as enjoyment,

C. Justice and mercy as well as worship.

All. We know, O Lord, that Thou requirest work

As well as rest,

Self-sacrifice as well as enjoyment,

Justice and mercy as well as worship.

M. May we honour Thee, Thou Searcher of hearts,

As Thou wouldst have us to honour Thee.

P. May we worship Thee, who art Spirit,

In spirit and in truth.

C. May every day be a Sabbath,

And every Sabbath a day of deeds,

As pure and thrilling as the song of the sanctuary.

All. May we honour Thee, Thou Searcher of hearts,

As Thou wouldst have us to honour Thee,

May we worship Thee, who art Spirit,

In spirit and in truth.

May every day be a Sabbath,

And every Sabbath a day of deeds,

As pure and thrilling as the songs of the upper sanc-
tuary.

M. May we serve Thee in this our day and generation.

P. May we work whilst it is called to-day,

Knowing that the night cometh, in which no man can
work.

C. When life's work is done,

May we Sabbatize eternally with Thee.

All. May we serve Thee in this our day and generation.

May we work whilst it is called to-day,

Knowing that the night cometh wherein no man can work.

When life's work is done,

May we Sabbathize eternally with Thee.

M. In heaven there is no sorrow,

P. Nor disease, nor pain,

C. Nor death.

All. In heaven there is no sorrow,

Nor disease, nor pain, nor death.

M. Dawn, thou eternal day of rest!

P. Epoch of ceaseless bliss, arrive!

C. Come, thou Sabbath ne'er to end!

All. Dawn, thou eternal day of rest!

Epoch of ceaseless bliss, arrive!

Come, thou Sabbath ne'er to end!

M. But ere it dawn, my Saviour,

Wash this soul of mine from every stain.

P. Ere it arrive teach me to do thy will,

And all thy pleasure to fulfil.

C. Ere it come may my earthly Sabbaths

Foretastes be of bliss, and grand pre-visions

Of thy glorious Self.

All. But ere it dawn, my Saviour,

Wash this soul of mine from every stain.

Ere it arrive teach me to do thy will,

And all thy pleasure to fulfil.

Ere it come, may our earthly Sabbaths

Foretastes be of bliss, and grand pre-visions

Of thy glorious Self.

M. The Lord of Sabbaths praise.

P. Blessed be He who giveth his people rest;

C. That refresheth them from the sanctuary of his glory.

All. Praised be the Lord of Sabbaths!

Blessed be He who giveth his people rest;

That refresheth them from the sanctuary of his glory!

Amen.

XXXIV. THANKSGIVINGS.

M. I will praise Thee, O Lord, my God.

P. O Lord, my Redeemer, I will extol Thee ;

C. And I will magnify thy name,
O Lord, my Shepherd.

All. In concert, let us bless Him
That made, rules, and saves us.

M. O Lord, ineffable in power and glory,
Thou who didst create me and all things,
Thou art worthy of everlasting celebration.

P. O Saviour of men, kind as mighty,
Compassionate as wise, whose love never fails,
Thou art worthy of universal and eternal praise.

C. Thou that in the days of thy flesh
Didst encourage and bless little children—
Thou who hast bid the under-shepherds
Care for, feed, and protect the lambs of the flock,
Thou art worthy of the heart's instinctive homage,
Of the soul's first and purest offerings,
And of the love of the innocents on high.

All. Thou mighty Creator, Thou everlasting Redeemer,
Thou ! Thou art worthy of all-seraphic praise,
Of the inspired chorus of the universal church,
And of the mute hymnings of the God-made cosmos.

C. This body hast Thou given me, O Lord,
With eyes to see, and ears to hear,
And mouth to speak, and feet to move,
A wondrous frame, erect, divine.

P. My mind, O Lord, the reflex of thine own,
Hast Thou made quick of thought,
Subtle in reason, vivid in imagination,
Full of ideas, imitative, creative.

M. This soul, image of the invisible and infinite,
Satisfied with nought but God, immortal,
And susceptible of living union with Thee,
O blessed and adorable God, hast Thou made.

All. O God, the Creator of body, mind, and soul,
Thou who sustaineſt us day by day, and hour by hour,
To whom we owe every power and faculty
Whether of body or mind—Thou who impartest
Thy blessed Self unto us, unto Thee
Be praise—everlasting praise.
Our very powers are too feeble to express
Thy worthy praise.

C. O Lord, Thou who sustaineſt me day by day,
And givest me food to eat, and raiment to wear,
Kind friends, and kinder parents,
Thee do I bless.

P. Thou all-wise One, I bless Thee
For the pure and good of social influence,
For the resources, facilities, and blessings of civilization,
For the instructive and improving, whether of art,
Science, or literature.

M. Thou holy and happy One, I bless Thee
For the light of life, the word of truth,
The hope of immortality, and the home of the blessed.

All. How great thy goodness, O our God!
How much, how much we owe to Thee!
Oh, for more than mortal strength
And mortal voice, thy praise to speak!

M. Thou, Lord, givest unto us thy Word;

P. Wherein Thou speakest of the forgiveness of sins;

C. Wherein Thou sayest that Thou lovest us.

All. For the Word of thy grace, the Book Divine,
Writ of old by men inspired of Thee,
Amidſt vicissitudes unparalleled preserved to us,
Our inheritance, the inheritance of our children,

And of the world—for this thy Book,
 And all its teachings, merciful Father,
 We praise Thee.

M. According to that Word, O Lord, Thou didst send
 Thy Son into the world,

P. Who suffered for us and for our sins,

C. That we might have life, and have it more abundantly.

All. Thee, O blessed Saviour, the crucified One,
 Who didst lay down thy life on our behalf—
 Thee we praise and extol.

M. Thou, Lord, forgivest our sins;

P. Thou rememberest them no more for ever;

C. Thou washest us from all impurity.

All. For mercy undeserved and unexpected—
 For mercy beyond all estimate and price—
 For mercy boundless as thy nature,
 Thee do we celebrate, O God of our salvation.

M. Thou grantest, Lord, thy Spirit;
 The Spirit of grace, truth, and righteousness.

P. Who teaches, sanctifies, and consoles us.

C. He maketh us thy sons and daughters;
 We cry—Abba, Father.

All. Thou blessed Spirit, the great Revealer,
 The everlasting Inspirer, the abiding Solace,
 Of our hearts in Christ Jesus, accept
 The faint and struggling echo of thy mighty work
 Within us.

M. O Jesus, Thou instildest thy love into our hearts—

P. A love divine, warm, sincere, perpetual.

C. Oh, to love as Thou lovest—
 As Thou teachest us to love!

All. For thy love, thy vanquishing love,
 O blessed Jesus, that leads captive our souls,—
 For this divine source of enjoyment and power,
 Would that we could in adequate measure

Praise, extol, and bless Thee.

M. Thou sanctifiest us by thy love,

That Thou mayest dwell for ever with us.

P. Thou makest our spirits thy temple.

C. Thou dwellest with us, and delightest to dwell.

All. For thine indwelling, for the consecration of our hearts

To peace and Thee, for thy condescension do we adore Thee.

M. Thou teachest us to imitate Thee,

Thou Sum of human excellence.

P. Thou teachest us to do as Thou once didst,

C. That we may think, feel, and sympathize

As Thou didst once think, feel, and sympathize.

All. O sinless One, our Pattern and our Guide,

For thy blessed life and all its deep inspirings,

For all in us of thought or character like thine,

We do most cheerfully glorify Thee.

M. Saviour, Thou camest to seek the lost.

P. Thou fillest our hearts with sympathy for such.

C. They that are like Thee

Seek the destitute, the blind, the ignorant,

The widow, the orphan, the sick, the dying.

All. For aught of human tenderness,

Of fellow-feeling and sympathy with woe—

For aught of care, and thought, and effort

To enlighten, cheer, and bless—for aught

Of deep-felt prayer and gushing love,

To save the sinful outcast—we adore Thee,

Great Saviour, Thou eternal friend of sinners.

It is thy work ; to thee, O Lord, and not to us,

Be praise both now and ever.

Amen.

XXXV. SIN.

M. We have sinned, O Lord, we have sinned !

P. Every one of us, O God, every one of us !

C. Though young, innocence is gone,
And sinlessness is, alas, unknown.

All. Our transgressions are before us.
We acknowledge, O Lord, all our sins.

M. It is a bitter and an evil thing to sin against God.

P. That my soul knoweth.

It is the misery of miseries, the curse of curses.

C. How is my heart pained !

How is my soul bowed down and striken !

All. Happiness is fled ; there is no peace.

M. Wormwood and gall are my portion.

P. There is no rest—no enjoyment.

My conscience is smitten—my soul is in terror.

C. Hell is within me, and its lurid flames about me,

How shall I escape ?

All. We have deserved all this.

Thou art righteous, O Thou Condemner of men.

M. Thou, O Lord, art of purer eyes

Than to behold sin with complacency.

P. Thou Holy One, Thou must condemn it in me, in all.

C. The sentence of condemnation is within me.

How fearful it is to fall into the hands of the living God !

All. Thou, Lord, condemnest our iniquity,

And reprovest us for our transgressions.

M. If Thou art strict to mark iniquities,

Who shall stand in thy sight ?

P. If there be no mercy, we perish.

C. If thine anger burn for ever,

We are lost.

All. If there be no redemption,
If none mighty to save,
We perish in our sins and in our iniquities,
Which we have daringly committed against Thee.

M. With the Lord our God is mercy,
That He may be feared;

P. And plenteous redemption in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C. O Saviour, unto Thee will we seek.

All. Lord, have mercy upon us,
Have pity, O our God, and forgive.

M. We have forgotten Thee, O our Creator!

P. We have refused to love and serve Thee:

C. We have forgotten thy great kindness,
And all thy benefits daily conferred.

All. With shame and confusion of face,
We acknowledge to base and black ingratitude
Towards Thee, our gracious Creator and Preserver.

M. Thy name have we not hallowed as we ought,

P. But have blasphemed the God of heaven!

C. And have thoughtlessly spoken, and lightly thought of
Him who is God over all, blessed for evermore.

All. How careless, how senseless is our ungodliness!

M. We have neglected thy worship.

P. We have preferred our business, our ease,
Our pleasure, our carnality.

C. Worldliness and contempt of Thee and of thine ordinances
Have hurried us to recklessness and dissipation.

All. How God-forgetting, and how God-dishonouring
Have we been!

M. Have we not disobeyed our parents?

P. And ceased to love those who loved us tenderly and
constantly?

C. Is our heart so hard? our soul so unfeeling?

Have we been stones, and not children ?
 Demons, but not sons and daughters ?
All. O our God, remember not this against us.
 Cease not, oh cease not, to be a Father unto us.
 We deserve not the love of them who gave us birth,
 And who have loved us to this hour ; nor of Him
 Who, as our Father, is infinite in compassion.
M. Kind friends and best friends have we grieved.
P. Too oft have we ill-requited their devotion
 To us, their unbought service of love.
C. And our benefactors have we forgotten,
 And even ruthlessly turned against.
All. We deserve neither friend nor benefactor ;
 We have sinned against goodness and loving-kindness.
M. We have sacrificed principle ;
 Not unfrequently have we compromised right.
P. We have not valued truth and goodness,
 But have betrayed them—we have persecuted them.
C. We have loved the false ;
 We have spoken the thing that is wrong.
All. We deserve not the precious boons of truth and
 rectitude ;
 But to be abandoned to lying and deceit for ever.
M. We have defrauded our neighbour ;
P. We have acted disreputably and dishonourably :
 We have once and again taken a mean advantage.
C. We have appropriated what was not ours ;
 We have detained and used that we had no right to.
All. False goods, deceitful riches,
 Let us restore four-fold. Let us sin no more.
M. We have not kept our hearts with all diligence.
P. Vain and foolish desires lead us captive ;
C. Youthful and hurtful lusts decoy and destroy us.
All. Teach us, O God, to regulate our desires ;
 To govern our hearts as in thy sight always.

M. We sin against light and knowledge;

P. Against goodness and mercy;

C. Against forbearance and long-suffering;

All. Against God, our Father;

Against Jesus, our Saviour;

Against the Holy Ghost, our comforter.

M. We forget a Saviour's love;

P. We reject his mercy.

C. We do despite to the Spirit of grace.

All. Why are we so hardened? so destitute

Of truth, love, and grace?

M. How great, how enormous is our sinfulness!

P. How many privileges have we abused!

C. How many opportunities have we lost!

All. Let us abhor ourselves!

Let us abhor ourselves!

M. We, O Lord, are not worthy of thy love—

Thy pardoning love.

P. We are not deserving of mercy;

C. Neither of pity nor of help.

All. O Lord, we have sinned before heaven,

And against Thee, and are no more worthy to be called

Thy sons and daughters—no more worthy

To be received and loved as thine.

M. Have mercy, O God, have mercy.

P. Pity us, O our Saviour, pity.

C. And help us, we beseech Thee,

Ere we perish.

All. Make no long tarrying, Thou blessed Jesus!

Wash us, and we shall be clean!

Forgive us, and we shall be forgiven.

Save us, and thine shall be the glory for ever.

Amen.

XXXVI. OBEDIENCE.

M. Thou didst create man upright;
P. But he hath sought out many inventions,
C. And hewn unto himself broken cisterns, which can hold no water.
All. Like sheep we have gone astray far from thy fold.
M. Thy laws are wise, holy, and merciful:
P. Thy yoke is easy, and thy burden is light.
C. Thy commandments are not grievous:
All. In the keeping of them there is great reward.
M. All things are thine, the souls of men;
P. Good and bad serve Thee, in love or fear.
C. The devils tremble before Thee, and are made to carry out thy designs.
All. O Lord, save us from slavish fear; and may we cheerfully observe to do all the statutes and judgments, which Thou settest before us each day.
M. Conform our affections to thy will:
P. Our minds and understandings to thine all-wise and holy reason.
C. In the blessings of our fathers, who kept thy laws, we pray abundantly to rejoice.
All. Bless us in our generations, because we obey thy voice.
M. Thy ancient people followed not after thy precepts:
P. They turned unto dumb idols, and forgot the one living and true God.
C. They built altars in high places, and made their children pass through the fire, in the valley of Hinnom.
All. Thy mercy left them not day nor night, yet they remembered not their mighty deliverances by the hand of thy servants.

M. They murmured, and the Lord sent death into their midst.

P. The fiery serpents, the Philistines, and the Assyrians, became instruments of thy vengeance.

C. Still they hardened their hearts, the stiff-necked and rebellious house of Israel.

All. Their great ones fell to sin,—Samson, Solomon, and David;—let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

M. How holy is he who walks in thy law!

P. He is blessed who keeps thy testimonies, and who seeks Thee with his whole heart.

C. Direct us, O Lord, thus to serve Thee, that we may grow up before Thee as Samuel and Mary of old.

All. Then shall we be like trees planted by the rivers of water; and whatsoever we do shall prosper.

M. Help us, O Lord, by thy Spirit.

P. Grant us thy grace, for thy law is exceeding broad.

C. Save us from our treacherous hearts, which choose not thy commands.

All. Deliver thy people, O God, and enable them to hate every false way.

M. Look upon the wide world, which goes astray from Thee.

P. Like lost sheep they wander, exposed to the beasts of prey.

C. Keep the inexperienced by thy love, that they never leave their Father's home.

All. Win us by thy smile, that we may be thy people, thy chosen ones.

M. May we obey Thee from love, and not from fear.

P. The devils obey Thee, and tremble:

C. Ungodly men are thy servants.

All. O Lord, we pray to serve Thee from loving hearts conformed in all things to the will of Christ.

M. When we are tried by affliction, may we then learn obedience.

P. Thy ways, when mysterious, are often full of good to our souls.

C. Teach us to bear the yoke in our youth.

All. Sanctify all our sorrows, that we may follow hard after Thee.

M. We rejoice that Christ, our Saviour, has kept the whole law.

P. Of Him, the prophets spake as perfect in all things.

C. He delights in the early sacrifice, nor rejects the budding flower.

All. In Him, may we be perfected to obey Thee without fear.

M. O may all our acts be most holy ;

P. And our words most chaste :

C. Our thoughts pure as refined gold ;

All. In every way thy will our rule, in intelligence, wisdom, and love.

M. Christ is our example ; may we keep it before our eye.

P. Let his beauty charm our gaze ;

C. His loveliness win our hearts.

All. May we grow up unto Him in all things, and be his valiant ones.

M. In suffering to be resigned :

P. In duty to be earnest and vigilant.

C. Humble and meek, fervent unto prayer.

All. May Christ's name be on our shield, and his spirit in our souls.

M. Thou lovest obedience more than the fat of rams ;

P. The penitent one more than rivers of oil ;

C. The child's lisping prayer more than frankincense and gems.

All. The voices of thy faithful servants ascend in acceptable melody before thy throne.

M. But who is sufficient for thy will ?

P. Or who can meet thy commands ?

C. Which are exceeding broad.

All. O Christ, most pure and obedient, of Thee only is it written, that Thou wast undefiled, and separate from sinners.

M. May the fruits of his obedience descend upon the nations.

P. May all dominions obey Him.

C. From one generation to another let his truth be engraven on all hearts.

All. Send thy grace, that the wide world may be Christ's to obey Him, for ever.

M. Bless all obedient men.

P. May they leaven the social mass,

C. And be boons in every house.

All. Consecrate, O Lord, each tent of Jacob unto morning and evening vows.

M. Thou hast put before us blessing, and cursing.

P. May we choose the way of mercy ;

C. For the way of transgressors is hard.

All. In thy righteousness may we live ; may peace and salvation be our portion for ever.

XXXVII. PURITY.

M. Thy word, O Lord, is very pure ; therefore I love it.

P. Every word of our God is pure : He is a shield unto them who put their trust in Him.

C. We rejoice in thy precepts ; for they are more precious than rubies.

All. We would be with Thee, and read thy words, which
are pure words, unto all generations.

M. Thou dost sit as a refiner and purifier of silver over
the hearts of the children of men.

P. May our souls be spotless mirrors, reflecting the
beauty and glory of thy countenance.

C. And may thy holiness be no vain thing to our igno-
rant gaze.

All. The way of life is full of thy brightness, in the light
thereof reveal us, O God, to ourselves, that we may
behold thy throne with saint-like souls.

M. The world is a vain show, and its mists deceive us.

P. How hath the fine gold become dim, and the jewelled
spirit bereft of its gems.

C. The tarnish of corruption takes away our childhood,
and we become as the stricken tree.

All. Yet there is a fountain open for all uncleanness,
and its waters flow in pure streams of eternal life.

M. Oh world, world! what gainest thou in thy strange
pictures of unhallowed life?

P. Oh man! what gainest thou in the averting of thy
heart from the bright shining of the pure Jehovah?

C. Oh infant and youth! let the atmosphere of heaven
surround you, that your health may be as the pure
breathings of the seraphim.

All. Holy, holy, holy 'Lord! change this thy world,
that it may be the uncorrupted threshold to thy
most inner temple.

M. May the pure myrrh and frankincense of thy Spirit
ever anoint us;

P. And its fragrance ascend from our souls acceptably
to Thee.

C. Cheerfulness will dwell in our borders morning and
evening, we shall sing of thy love.

All. Our garments will be as those of princes, and we

shall stand by Thee, thy favourites, whom Thou delightest to honour.

M. Yet, alas ! our hearts deceive us, and we dream.

P. The grave comes quickly, then we know that things oft are not as they seem.

C. Unheeding truth, in this vain show we take for day the flickering gleam.

All. Oh Spirit, come and shine around,
That in thy life, without a bound,
Our souls may breathe pure morning air,
Thy bread and wine profusely share.

M. The wise man falls through treachery,

P. E'en of his own dark and troubrous heart,

C. Which sings of lust with syren tones.

All. A cage of unclean birds it is ;
A fathomless abyss of loathsome sin,
Dark, foul, beyond compare,—
Midnight, till God shine there.

M. Oh, Purity, where shall I find thee ?

P. We would wear thee as a jewelled token on our hearts.

C. We hear it sweetly speak ; it has a voice soft as the summer's breeze.

All. This pure gem grant, Lord, to our adorning ;
This sweet voice grant, Lord, to our cheering.
Our days thus bright, our songs thus pure,
Our hearts from sin Thou wilt allure.

M. We seek, and grope, but nought we see revealed.

P. The Spirit comes, and then day dawns.

C. The clouds pass away—the horizon clear and blue appears.

All. This is God's heaven of Purity,—that bright unclouded sky is his creating,—we praise Thee, Lord, most humbly praise.

M. I would, but cannot sing ; my heart is full.

P. Lord, pardon us our broken tones,

C. And make our lisping voices as thine angel choir.

All. And yet we'll sing, for we had need well sing;

The scorching heat has gone, and the pure air

Plays with more than friendly breeze.

M. Old science could not thus teach.

P. Vain knowledge holds not the heart.

C. In God's realm of love, we learn, we feel, we know
the truth.

All. To Him, its glory, the Sun of Righteousness and
love, let every heart ascend.

M. Thy church, O Lord, endow with purity:

P. Let no profane altar be erected there.

C. Create clean consciences within us, that we may serve
Thee.

All. Then shall thy church look forth as the morning,
fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an
army with banners.

M. Make all meh pure, we beseech Thee.

P. To the unbelieving and defiled, alas ! there is nothing
pure.

C. Thou Great Refiner, purge away their dross and tin.

All. Remove the iniquity of every house, and fill each
one with hope to be like Thee, that He may purify
himself, even as Thou art pure.

M. Sanctify the high places of our land,

P. And accomplish thy chosen designs, even amongst
the great ones, the mighty and noble.

C. Let princes and people be purified by thy law.

All. Thrice happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.

M. Many shall be found pure and white, ready for the
marriage supper.

P. Their garments washed in the blood of the Lamb;

C. Simple and innocent as children, they will approach
thy throne.

All. We sing Hosanna to Thee, our Saviour, and crown

Thee with our humble adoration for thy redeeming love.

M. The Bridegroom comes, trim your lamps, and gird up your loins.

P. Go out and meet Him with welcomes of holiest joy.

C. For He hath saved us, and made us purer and brighter than evening stars.

All. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father, to Him be glory and dominion, for ever and ever.

Amen.

XXXVIII. ETERNITY.

M. Our days pass away as a flood, but Thou art the High and Lofty One that inhabitest eternity.

P. The angels know Thee not, and men are as the insects of a day.

C. We span our life by moments and a few short years.

All. Thy goings have been from days of eternity, and worlds are the creations of thy will.

M. Who shall find out the eternal One unto perfection.

P. Thy throne has shone with unsullied brightness before all time.

C. No future will exhaust the fulness of thy glory.

All. Great and marvellous is our God, before whom all things naked lie.

M. How shall we live, O Lord.

P. For we are wearied by sin.

C. And the awful future appals our spirits.

All. O eternity, how grandly inviting art Thou to the faithful one, and how terrible to the ungodly.

M. Morning and evening come, whether we live or die.
P. And the great world rolls apace, be we sinful or holy.
C. The seasons and the years incessantly press on, be we wise or foolish.
All. The place that now know us, shall soon know us no more for ever.
M. Midst changing years, make us unchanging in faith.
P. Clothe us with thine own immutable nature.
C. And may eternity be our home:
All. There, free from the storm, may our vessels anchor in peace.
M. Sin fills us with fear of the future.
P. How sad our state if without hope.
C. In Christ is our refuge and hope.
All. Light, life, and immortality are revealed; and the gospel dispels the gloom of the grave.
M. We pray for inspiring hope.
P. The joy of our trembling hearts.
C. May we be ever young to walk on its pathway.
All. Gild, oh gild our horizon with its mild glory; and may it beautify our souls.
M. May we value this life at its true rate,
P. And weigh it in the balance of eternity;
C. That its straws and stubble may be cast away, and the pure gold retained.
All. May the solemnities of death play around us, so that we may never really die.
M. Grant us the master-spirit of control.
P. Even of faith in the resurrection and the judgment.
C. That Christ will divide the sheep from the goats.
All. Let thy smile brighten our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life.
M. When passion and care invade us, may we roll the tide of the future upon them.
P. May we hear the voices of eternity with increasing distinctness.

C. And the evil thought be expelled by the majesty of
her unchanging truth.

All. May we walk on her threshold, and gaze on the
realities of her love, the pervading influences of
Christ, the King of Eternity.

M. Teach us, O Lord, how to value time;

P. To seize its moments with a vigorous hand;

C. And make them mighty ministers to eternal life.

All. In holy words and deeds from holier hearts, give us
the promise, O Lord, of unending day.

M. From every besetting sin be pleased to deliver us.

P. From all hindrances in our journey to Zion:

C. From lust, and passion, and every evil:

All. May our loins be girt, and our lamps bright, that
eternity, as a strong man armed, seize us not.

M. May our examples be guides to the future:

P. Showing that we seek a better country, even a
heavenly:

C. The streets of whose city are of pure gold, as it were
transparent glass.

All. Into which no one shall enter that loveth and
maketh a lie.

M. May the Great Master be our only Guide.

P. His Spirit our only Teacher.

C. His Word our only rule.

All. Oh, Christ Jesus, walk with us to and beyond the
grave, as thou didst with thy two disciples on their
way to Emmaus.

M. Thy world is far away from Thee.

P. How awfully it snatches at iniquitous pleasure.

C. And thoughtlessly pierces itself through
With many sorrows.

All. Lord, have mercy upon the people, and may the
Great High Priest stay their plague.

M. May kings, rulers, and ministers be faithful;

P. As stewards having most solemn place ;
C. Guardians on whom a terrible future will fall, if they
are faithless ;
All. On whom much sin and punishment will rest, as on
the Pharisees who defiled thy courts.
M. May each man be dying daily ;
P. Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ ;
C. And becoming immortal in truth and love.
All. Make high and low, rich and poor, wise for ever.
M. Wise to live, with thoughts divine ;
P. Wise to act, that their deeds may shine ;
C. Wise in truth, adorned with love ;
All. All-wise from every sin to move.
M. For help we pray Thee, day by day ;
P. May thy Spirit all our fears allay.
C. True hope create, uncheck'd by shame—
All. The hope of heaven in Jesus' name.
M. When sensuous time shall cease to be,
P. Make then our home—eternity.
C. Meantime, prepare us for thy will ;
All. And may our hearts thy law fulfil.
M. All praise to Thee, most gracious Lord,
P. Thy Book the brightest hopes afford.
C. In Christ we conquer when we die :
All. Then cease all dread for time and aye.
M. The years to come are best of all ;
P. Their wished-for life no sins enthrall.
C. The Lamb once slain, there reigns supreme,
All. His love, the song, and glorious theme.

Amen.

XXXIX. THE CHURCH.

M. O God, the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

The Church is thine—the Church is thine.

P. Thou, O Lord, didst conceive it.

It is an institute from God, not man.

C. Ere Thou didst shape it into being,

The world never saw a polity so fair.

All. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, by the Church

Throughout all ages, world without end.

M. O Lord, the Redeemer of men,

The Church is thine—the Church is thine.

P. Thou hast purchased it with thy precious blood.

C. Thou hast established it by pentecostal powers.

All. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, by the Church

Throughout all ages, world without end.

M. O Spirit of all efficacy and grace,

The Church is thine—the Church is thine.

P. From foolish, weak, base, and despised things,

Yea, and from things that were not, didst Thou create it.

C. Thou didst breathe in and upon it,

Life, peace, holiness, love, and glory.

All. Glory be unto Thee, O Lord, by the Church,

Throughout all ages, world without end.

M. O Jesus, in thy mediatorial glory

And divine fullness, Thou art the Head.

P. Thou canst not err.

C. Thou canst not perish.

P. Thou art full of sympathy with human woe,

Human struggle, and human frailty.

C. Thou pitiest when others pity not,

Thou comfortest when others cannot comfort.

All. Glorious Head, Thou ever-living One,
To Thee all honour, to Thee all worship :
Sing, ye angels, and ye archangels shout,
Join thou Church in heaven and on earth ;
Ye creatures many, and the vast universe,
Uplift his glory with harmonious will,
In joyous, never-ending praise.

M. From Thee, O Lord, hath streamed upon thy Church
Perpetual blessings ;

P. Resistless will and dauntless energy,
To do and dare for Thee and for mankind :

C. To cower not at menace, chains,
Prison, torture, crucifix, and stake :

P. Benevolence of purpose and of deed,

C. To visit the fatherless and dying ;

P. To seek the outcast and the imprisoned ;

C. To clothe the naked, and instruct the ignorant ;

P. To leave kindred dear and fatherland,

C. To preach to savages and heathen ;

P. To be silent of the fairest deeds,

C. To boast not of good, but to glorify the Good One ;

P. Purity the world hath envied and maligned ;

C. Holiness tested by bribe and threat,
By blandishments and fiery assault :

P. Peace the world could not give,

C. Neither could it take away ;

P. Inward serenity from god-like consciousness ;

C. Tranquillity amidst bodily pain and dying agonies ;

P. The Spirit of Jesus, meek, prayerful,

Zealous, indefatigable, and irreproachable ;

C. The Spirit of the Father in heaven,

Equitable, firm, kind, pure.

All. O Lord, who hast ever enriched and blessed thy
people,

The greatness and the goodness of the Church is thine .

Thine its power, its zeal, its unearthly spirit,
And its beauteous, heaven-like mien.

M. Eternal Jesus, truly hast Thou said,
"The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

P. Priestly craft, idolatrous treachery,
Roman legions, and imperial power failed :

C. Might, undisguised, unscrupulous,
Fierce, terrible, unrelenting, and fiendish,
Sought thy destruction, Church of the Living God,
But succeeded not.

P. The gentler might of truth prevailed.

C. As execution raged the saints increased.

P. Decaying piety, and inner treachery,
Basely tried thy ruin, Church of the Faithful One,
And ignominiously failed.

C. Blaspheming popes, proud bishops,
Wanton monks, indulgences, saints, and relics,
Worked not thy ruin as Satan meant.

P. The glorious reformation came.

C. The Church itself was renovated and purified.

P. The subtlety of hell was patent.

C. The mask fell—the Church was saved.

P. Science and criticism assailed thy bulwarks,
City of the living God, rampant and hectoring.

C. In dream they joyed o'er thy carcase,
Bride of heaven.

P. Forsooth they had done what might could not.

C. Forsooth honestly they had succeeded
Where treachery failed.

P. The Church was proved the spawn of ignorance.

C. The Church was based on falsity and myth.

P. But science faltered,—confessed her error.

C. Criticism going too far itself outwitted.

P. O Church of God, science is not thy foe, but friend.

C. O Church of Christ, criticism is thy strong ally.

All. All-seeing Jesus, wonderful in thought
And counsel, thine enemies do kick the dust.
All, all is unavailing against thine own—
All that has been of force, or treachery, or skill ;
All that is of mammon principle and pride ;
And all that shall be in forms as yet unseen.
Jesus, General of thine enlisted host,
Myriad voices and myriad hearts this day
Thy triumph sound o'er all thy foes.
Reign ! reign Thou for ever,
Discomforting thine adversaries in ways
They forecast not, and save thy people.
M. Christ crucified is the chief corner stone ;
P. The twelve apostles are the twelve foundations ;
C. Faith is the rock on which the temple
Rests, beauteous and indestructible.
All. We believe in the supremacy of Jesus,
None is head but He ; neither pope, nor king,
Nor prince, however sage and holy too.
We believe in the spirituality of the Church,
As an organ not for magistrates nor princes
To use for their blind purposes, but for God
To show his marvels by, and work salvation.
We believe the forgiving love of God through Christ
To all the sinful and forlorn of earth.
We believe the authority of holy writ.
We believe in Jesus more than in Luther,
Or Calvin, or Wesley, or any doctor, whether
Of ancient or modern days. We believe
That what is evangelical, true, right,
Or acceptable, should be done without waiting
For the patronage or suffrages of men. We believe
Suffering preferable to the betrayal of
Religious principles. We believe character
To be entitled to more respect than mere status

In society. We believe in Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, to whom we attribute
All praise, honour, and glory, now and evermore.

Amen.

M. May we practice what we profess.

P. May the Lord graciously grant us power
To do what we sincerely approve.

C. May we be both enlightened and sanctified.

All. Make us, O Lord, worthy members of thy Church,
In all gentleness of disposition, kindness
Of sentiment, firmness of godly purpose,
And in all adherence to truth and Thee.

Amen, and Amen.

XL. EARNESTNESS.

M. God is true and earnest.

P. He that trifleth with physical existence,
And ignoreth its laws, payeth the penalty.

C. He that idleth, starveth:
He that soweth not, reaps not.

P. God is the rewarder of all them
That diligently seek Him in faith.

C. He that careth not for his soul, loseth it:
He that neglecteth his salvation, hath not life.

All. Supreme and Sovereign in all thy manifestations,
O God of truth and righteousness,

Thou teachest us by terrible things to be earnest.

M. Jesus, Lord of Life, in thine earthly mission
Ever zealous for thy Father's honour,

Ever doing good, ever watchful, ever prayerful,
Thy spirit and thy life were earnestness itself.

P. Thou commandest and inspirest the Church
To be earnest, by thy matchless example.

C. The lukewarm Thou detestest,
And summonest to repentance.

All. Earnestness becometh the people of God
For ever. May thy followers, O Lord,
Everywhere be earnest, as Thou wast earnest.

M. Spirit of all earnestness, baptize us
With hallowed and unextinguishable fire!

P. The enthusiastic artist succeeds.

C. The all-absorbed and all-glowing poet
Dies not.

P. The eminent and immortal are the earnest
Souls of their generation.

C. He that is earnest, createth earnestness;
He that is enthusiastic, enthusiasm.

All. Spirit of all wisdom, such are thy laws:
We cannot, we dare not ignore them in religion.
Thou Favourer and Blesser of the earnest,
Make us earnest in things divine.

M. Earnest was Peter on the Day of Pentecost.

P. Earnest was John in calm and lofty thought.

C. Earnest was Paul in speech and deed.

P. Earnest was Stephen for the truth of Christ.

C. Earnest was Apollos in warm and lively eloquence.

All. Earnest were all the apostles of Christ;
Instant in season and out of season;
In journeyings oft, in perils oft, in hunger oft,
In prison oft, in scourgings oft, under sentence oft.

M. May all pastors of churches faithful be,
And earnest.

P. Earnest in personal religion and piety.

C. Earnest in public labours and preaching.

P. Earnest in visitation of the sick.

C. Earnest in works of benevolence and love.

All. May, O Lord, the apostolic and martyr-spirit
Rest upon them.

M. May all missionaries earnest be,
Devoted and Christ-like.

P. May they preach the gospel boldly and powerfully :

C. May they translate the Word readily and faithfully :

All. May, O Lord, the apostolic and martyr-spirit
Rest upon them.

M. By the zeal of pastors and missionaries
May thy kingdom come,

P. And thy will be done on earth as in heaven :

All. For thine, O Lord, is the kingdom, the power
And the glory, for ever and ever.

M. Let all Sabbath-school teachers
Be characterized by diligence and devotedness.

P. May they give themselves wholly to teaching :

C. May they impress us by their spirit and manner.

All. Suffer not, O Lord, the spirit of routine
To influence teachers and their work.

M. Christ summonses all to earnestness.

P. O Jesus, am I earnest for Thee ?

C. O Saviour, am I devoted to Thee ?

P. Lord, intensify the earnestness of my soul !

C. Lord, intensify the earnestness of my soul !

P. Let me not hinder others by lukewarmness,

C. Let me not perish through carelessness.

All. Lord and Saviour, who lovest us greatly,
We would respond to thy call, fill us with thy Spirit,
And sustain us now and ever in earnestness of thought
and deed.

M. Let the whole Church of Christ be earnest :

P. Pastors and people, rich and poor,

C. Young and old, learned and unlearned,

P. Fathers, mothers, guardians, and employers,

C. Sons and daughters, married and unmarried,

P. Nobles, counsellors, magistrates, and authors,

C. Gentlefolk, manufacturers, and tradesmen,

P. Artists and artizans,

C. Agriculturists and labourers.

All. Imbue and pervade, O Lord, all with earnestness

To live to Thee and not to themselves,

To sustain unsullied the honour of thy cause,

To impress all with their intense and undisguised

Homage to thy will and law.

M. Let your earnestness be calm, not boisterous;

P. Meek, not boastful;

C. Continuous, not fitful;

M. According to knowledge,

P. According to order,

C. According to charity.

M. Remember earnestness is not talk,

P. Nor vilifying of others,

C. Nor waywardness in things impracticable.

All. For true, intelligent, and indefatigable zeal—

For peaceful, loving, and sustained energy,

We supplicate Thee, Thou King of Saints.

M. For thy perfect example of calm,

Holy, untiring, and intrepid zeal, we bless Thee,

Thou Son of man.

P. For the earnest men and women who sealed

Their faith by their blood, we praise Thee.

C. For the earnest spirits who defended

And gained our religious liberties, we praise Thee.

P. For the earnest, loving ones that visited

Prisons and dungeons, as angels of mercy,

We praise Thee.

C. For the earnest, Christ-like spirits

That cared for the widow and the orphan,

And in genuine faith and philanthropy

Founded asylums, we praise Thee.

